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**T**HIS family-name, even in cases of known affinity of descent, appears in several different forms. Lee, Lea, Leigh, Laigh; Legh and Ley are only varieties of name borne by different branches of one common family. The name Lay is, doubtless, originally the same; but the family it designates has been so long distinct that no common origin with others similarly called is discoverable.<sup>1</sup> The genealogist finds, also, several families—at least in New England—between which, though bearing one or the other of the names recognized as belonging to all of them, and believed to be akin to one another, no relationship has been as yet traced. In the order of their emigration, as presented by Mr. William Henry Lee of New York, at a gathering of the descendants of John Lee of Farmington, Conn., in 1884, they are the families of

“1st, John Lee (Leigh), who settled in Agawam (now Ipswich) in 1632;

“2d, John Lee, who settled in Hartford 1635; and Farmington 1641;

“3d, Thomas Lee, who died on his passage to this country, leaving a wife and children, and through the male line perpetuated the name, they having settled in Saybrook in 1641;

“4th, Richard Lee, who settled upon the James River in Virginia in 1641, and was the ancestor of those of the name in that State;

“5th, Thomas Lee, of whom the earliest records seem to be about 1700, and whose descendants are known, variously, as the Boston, Brainerd or Salem Lees.”

<sup>1</sup> In Notes and Queries for April 21, 1888, we read of Sir James Ley that “the name is pronounced Lee;” and in the same for May 26, 1888: “as to the pronunciation, the registers of St. Mary Aldermay (Hart. Soc.) show Ley and Lay as interchangeable forms.

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But, although these several families have not been yet brought together into a common line of ancestry, there is a belief prevalent in some of them, whether or not derived from any distinct tradition or record, that their original English home, from which they scattered widely, was in the county of Chester. Great weight belongs to the opinion expressed on this point by the late Col. Chester of London, himself a descendant of Thomas Lee of Saybrook and Lyme, Conn., who wrote, the year before he died, to one of the family of John Lee of Farmington, Conn., as follows:

" . . . in my opinion it will be found that our ancestor is of a Shropshire branch of the name, which dates back to the 14th century, in the time of Edward III"—

the Lord of the Manor of that time being described as

"Sir Walter at Lee of y<sup>e</sup> Mannor of Lee of Lee Hall, there in y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Wibenbury in y<sup>e</sup> County Palatine of Chester y<sup>e</sup> 36 of King Edward y<sup>e</sup> 3, whose ancestors had been there seated for ages."

For farther explanation, we make a few notes on the family spoken of by Col. Chester, and by a writer in "The Critic" presently to be referred to; which are condensed from English authorities.

The first ancestor mentioned by name was "Hamon Lord of the Mediety of High Legh, temp. Henry II. [1154-1189]." His great grandson Richard de Legh had a daughter Agnes de Legh who married Richard de Lymm,<sup>2</sup> and had a son Thomas who took the name of Legh and half the Mediety of High Leigh. His son Thomas Legh was progenitor of the Leighs of West Hall, High Leigh.<sup>3</sup> John, another son of this Agnes by another husband, taking the name of Legh, was progenitor of

<sup>2</sup> "Old and honourable as is the descent of the Leighs of the West Hall, the Lymmes from whom they sprang were even still more ancient"—Burke's Landed Gentry, ii. 946.

<sup>3</sup> The Lee family of Hartwell, co. Bucks, "an offshoot of Lee or Legh of High Legh and Lyme, co. Chester . . . has held its present estates from about 1268 through an uninterrupted succession"—Id., ii. 940.



the Leghs of Adlington, Annesley, Lyme, Ridge, Stoneleigh, Stockwell, Isall, Beckton, Booths, etc.<sup>4</sup>

John Gough Nichols, in "The Herald and Genealogist,"<sup>5</sup> speaks of the "At Lees" (of Wibenbury) as "a gentle, knightly, and noble family of considerable renown, and formerly of high position." He found in possession of W. J. Legh Esq., M. P., of Lyme Hall, Cheshire, arms which connected the Leghs of Lyme with the Leghs or Lees of Wibenbury. One branch of the Wibenbury family were the Lees of Quarrendon, and the Lees of Ditchly; one member of which was Sir Henry Lee the celebrated Knight of the Garter in Queen Elizabeth's time; another, Sir Henry Lee of Ditchly, co. Oxon, was created a Baronet by King James I. in 1611. His great grandson Sir Edward Henry Lee was by King Charles II. raised to the peerage as Earl of Litchfield, Viscount Quarrendon, and Baron Lee, in 1674. Many representatives of the family are mentioned by Nichols. Different branches had given to them different arms, used different modes of spelling their name, and were established in many counties.

One branch of the old family of Cheshire has borne the distinctive title of "the Leghs of Lyme" down to the present time.

From the Stoneleigh branch descended Sir Thomas Leigh Knt. of Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, who was created a Baronet in 1611. The present (1887) head of the family is Baron William Henry Leigh of Stoneleigh, LL.D., Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of co. Warwick, Col. 3d Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt. and a Governor and Trustee of Rugby School, etc. He married Lady Caroline Amelia daughter of the second Marquis of Westminster, and has had several children. He is seated at Stoneleigh Abbey.

Another line which descended from the Stoneleigh Abbey branch were the Earls of Chichester, which title became extinct in 1667. They

<sup>4</sup> Id., ii. 943-44 "The ancestors of this noble family assume their surname from the township of High Leigh, co. Chester, where they were seated before the Conquest"—Burke's Peerage (1887), p. 831.

<sup>5</sup> Vol. iii. p. 114.

were seated at Newnham Regis, co. Warwick, near the Kenilworth Leighs.

In the early generations of the family of Lyme, Cheshire, and in the succeeding generations in most of its lines, Thomas was a favorite name. We cannot prove a place for our first Thomas Lee in any of the numerous printed pedigrees of the family; but in several branches there are younger sons named Thomas, in his generation, apparently, of whom there is no mention but the name. Younger sons soon fall off from English printed pedigrees, and the record of their descendants is easily lost. This Legh race, all tracing to the same progenitor, has ramified into so many wide branches, established in so many counties of England, has taken such varied arms, and so many forms even in the spelling of its name, that it would be idle to attempt to trace one member of it whose place was lost on the family-tree. Of such a family we can only say, "their name is *Legion*," and in despair give up the search. Our reasons for making these notes on the family of Legh, and for the supposition that our first Thomas Lee belonged to it, will be seen hereafter.

The genealogy and fortunes of several of the Lee families of the United States known to us have been made, or are being made, the subject of special investigation. In the year 1851 there was printed at Albany, N. Y., in pamphlet-form, a "Genealogical Table of the Lee Family, from the first emigration to America in 1641, brought down to the year 1851 . . . by the Rev. William H. Hill." This pamphlet relates to the line of descent from Thomas Lee of Saybrook and Lyme; it was chiefly compiled from materials furnished by his descendant the late Hon. Martin Lee of Granville, N. Y. In 1868 there was published in New York a "Genealogical History of the Lee Family of Virginia and Maryland from A. D. 1300 to A. D. 1866 . . . By Edward C. Mead." In 1878 appeared at Norwich, Conn., "John Lee of Farmington . . . and his Descendants. Arranged by Sarah Marsh Lee;" and in 1885, at Meriden, Conn., the "Lee Family Quarter-Millennial Gathering of the Descendants

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and Kinsmen of John Lee, one of the early settlers of Farmington, Conn.," a collection of interesting papers and letters by different members of that family, by William Wallace Lee.

Col. Henry Lee of Boston writes to us (January 19, 1888) as follows :

" . . . 'Not a funeral note' has ever been made of our family. My first known ancestor, my grandfather's grandfather, Thomas Lee, was an honest, modest, industrious, prosperous 'North End' citizen, entrusted with many duties by town and church, all of which he accepted, except the highest, which from modesty he declined, or accepted only after repeated elections. I know his mother, Martha Mellowes, her father John, grandfather Oliver, great grandfather Abraham; all respectable, the latter quite a large subscriber to the Company stock when he came here. But who Thomas Lee's father was I know not, only that he died when his son was very young, as did also his mother, leaving him in the care of his grandmother, who became Martha Winthrop, wife of Dean Winthrop. I think the obituary of this old man is expressive and creditable. June, 1766—" Died at his residence in North Bennett street, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thomas Lee, in the 93<sup>d</sup> year of his age, who in the early and active part of life carried on a considerable trade in this town; though he deserves to be remembered rather for the strict punctuality of his payments, and the unblemished integrity of his dealings, than for the length of his life or the extent of his trade.

" His son Thomas gr. H. C. 1722; Joseph (Judge) Lee gr. 1729. My grandfather Joseph and his brother Thomas were left orphans by the death of their father Thomas, and went to sea instead of to college, though their grandfathers Lee and Orne were rich. My grandfather and his brother-in-law Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Cabot carried on a considerable foreign trade, with Spain and the East Indies, at Beverly. Both moved to Boston about 1800. My father and all his brothers, some college-bred, some declining to go, were all E. India merchants; my father a writer on finance, tariffs and commercial statistics."

A genealogical letter contributed to "The Critic" of Richmond, Va., July 30, 1888, on the Lees of England and Virginia, says :

"It is well to state, in the beginning, that the account of the English ancestry of the Lees given in the books of Edward Mead, John Esten Cooke, Dr. J. William Jones and others, is entirely erroneous, and sometimes absurd. They all speak of a Lancelot Lee who came in with the Conqueror, when there is no reason to believe

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that any such person ever existed. They say that Lionel Lee was made Earl of Litchfield by Richard I., for his bravery in Palestine, an altogether imaginary Earl, for the earldom of Litchfield did not come into the family till 1674. These and other blunders have been noted and criticised, especially by the *Nation* and *Herald and Genealogist*, but they are still repeated. . . ."

The writer then refers to Lee in Cheshire as "the early seat of the family" in England, "the first mentioned in the English pedigrees" being "Sir Walter at Lee, of Lee Hall and Manor of Lee, parish of Wibenbury, Cheshire, who was alive 1330, and whose ancestors, for many generations, had been seated at the same place"—from whom, the writer says, were descended General Charles Lee of the Revolution, and, by another line, Richard Lee who emigrated to Virginia in 1641. No relationship has yet been traced between our Lees and the Virginia family; but the emigrant ancestors of the two families having come to America in the same year, and their common relative being supposed to be the same "Sir Walter at Lee," an affinity between the two is probable; and this probability is strengthened by resemblances of physiognomy (see below).

We may also say that Chancellor Walworth's "Hyde Genealogy" might have been almost as well entitled "Lee Genealogy," since the wife of Samuel Hyde, the only son, and only child but one, of the first William Hyde of Norwich, Conn., was Jane daughter of the emigrant Thomas Lee who died on his voyage to this country. The Chancellor has been supposed, indeed, to have made special researches with regard to the Lees; and his only surviving son, Rev. Father Clarence Augustus Walworth, now of Albany, was applied to by the writer for permission to use any papers on the subject left by his father; but none could be found.

The family of Thomas Lee of Saybrook and Lyme is that to which the following paper is devoted. The foundation of our story, apart from the Hill pamphlet and the "Hyde Genealogy," is to be found in an original manuscript-document, handed down, in substance, from the fourth

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generation after the emigration, for which we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. William Henry Lee of New York. Another member of the Farmington family, Mr. William Wallace Lee of Meriden, Conn., and several descendants of our Thomas Lee have likewise aided us by information which has served to fill blanks in the family-history as hitherto given. Special acknowledgment is due also to Mr. D. Williams Patterson of Newark Valley, N. Y., a professional genealogist, who has allowed us the free use of his Lee notes, very carefully prepared from original public records of Lyme.<sup>6</sup> Our **Pedigree of Lee** is the first presentation of Lee descents in this form. We have spared no labor to make out a trustworthy statement of facts, and naturally begin by copying the old unprinted record, above referred to:

"A Genealogy of the family of Lees who settled at Lyme, in Connecticut, from the time they came into this Land—

"N. B.—The following pages are chiefly extracts from a manuscript of Rev. Joseph Lee, sometime minister of the Gospel at Oyster-ponds, Southold, on Long Island.

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"Nothing is known concerning s<sup>d</sup> family before they removed to America, neither does it appear from what part of Great Britain they Emigrated. Our first Knowledge of them begins A.D. 1641, at which period Thomas Lee, the father of s<sup>d</sup> family, sailed from some part of England for this country, in company with a Mr. Brown whose daughter he had married. On the passage the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Lee died of the small-pox, and was buried in the sea—he left three young children, born before he left his native land, viz. Phoebe, Jane and Thomas, who were with him at his death, and, under care of their mother and Mr. Brown their grandfather, came to Saybrook, and resided for some years in that town. Mr. Brown afterwards removed to Providence, R. I., from whom descended a numerous and respectable family who still remain in that town.

<sup>6</sup> Minutes made for us, however, by the present Town Clerk of Lyme, Judge Frederick Fosdick, have obliged us to vary from Mr. Patterson's figures in a few cases, and have supplemented his records in one important case.

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"The widow of said Thomas Lee some time after married to Larabee, who lived at Norwich, and left children, by him, whose descendants continue in Norwich and Windham to this day. By the said Larabee she had also two daughters, one of whom married a Fox of New London West Neck, and left children by him; the other married a Mr. Hemstead, from whom are descended some of the name who live at New London, and some on the east end of Long Island.

"After the death of the abovementioned Larabee, his widow, the mother of the Lee family, married for a third husband a Mr. Cornish, by whom she had a son whose descendants remain to this time at Simsbury, Conn.

"Where the children of the first mentioned Thomas Lee lived after the second marriage of their mother we know not; but Phoebe the eldest of them married to one Mr. Large of Long Island, by whom she had a daughter, who when adult married one Wright of Killingworth, which is all the knowledge which remains concerning her. Jane, second daughter of Tho<sup>s</sup> Lee, married to one Mr. Hyde of Norwich, from whom descended a numerous family of that name, living at Norwich and Lebanon. Besides the sons which the said Jane bore to Mr. Hyde she bore him two daughters, Elizabeth and Phoebe; Elizabeth [Phoebe] married to Matthew Griswold of Lyme, from whom the whole family of that name in Lyme are descended—she was the mother of the late Rev. George Griswold of the East Society of said Lyme, and grandmother of his Excellency Matthew Griswold late Governor of Connecticut. One of the daughters of s<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth [Phoebe] by Mr. Griswold married to a Dorr of Lyme, from whom are descended a large family of that name; another of the daughters married to Col. Robert Lay [Denison]; another to John Denison of Lyme—both of whom left children.

"Phoebe [Elizabeth] (the second [first] daughter of the s<sup>d</sup> Jane who married a Hyde) married to Richard Lord of Lyme, and is mother of a numerous family of that name in s<sup>d</sup> town; s<sup>d</sup> Phoebe [Elizabeth] had a number of daughters by s<sup>d</sup> Lord; one of them married to Samuel Ely of s<sup>d</sup> Lyme, from whom is descended a considerable family of that name; another married to a Waterhouse; another to a Peirson—both of Lyme; another to Stephen Lee, of whom in his place; another to a Reynolds of Norwich; another to a Jewett of Lyme (I suppose).

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"I Return now to Thomas, son of the first mentioned Thomas Lee who died on his passage from England of small pox. This second Thomas Lee married Sarah Kirtland of Saybrook, by whom he had three children, John, Thomas and Sarah. He must have been young when he came from England, as his mother had two husbands after the death of his father, by each of whom she had children; he was probably an infant when he came to America; that he was heir to large property appears from the purchases which he made of land in the town of Lyme, which were great, said to have amounted to an eighth part of the town. It is most probable he continued at Saybrook till he became adult and was married, his wife being a native of that town.

"John the eldest of his sons married Elizabeth Smith of Lyme, by whom he had three sons, John, Joseph and Benjamin, and eight daughters, viz. Sarah, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Lucy, Jane, Mary, Hepsibah and Joanne—N. B. We shall treat first of this branch of the family, and then of the other branches of the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Lee's Family who married Sarah Kirtland.

"John the eldest son of the first mentioned John Lee married Lydia Allen of New London North Parish, now called Montville. By her he had three daughters, Elizabeth, Lydia and Thenah. Elizabeth afterward married to Abner Lee (of whom we shall treat in his place); Lydia died single of consumption, at about twenty-seven years of age.

"S<sup>d</sup> John Lee's first wife, Lydia Allen, dying of consumption, he married Eunice Lee (of whom we shall write presently), by whom he had four children, viz. John, Martin, Giles and Ama. John was a Doctor, and settled at Sharon; he married Elizabeth Griswold, but died of the small pox about nine months after his marriage, aged about twenty-seven years; he left no child. Martin died of consumption, in the winter 1746, about 10 or 12 years old. Giles was a husbandman, settled at Sandisfield, Mass.; he first married Delight Way of Lyme, who died childless in 1764; he afterwards married a Smith of s<sup>d</sup> Sandisfield, by whom he had several children, who all except one, viz. Delight, died young; his second wife dying of a fever 1777, he married Martha Crooks of Glasgow, now Blanford, Mass., by whom he had several children; he died of consumption 1790, aged 53 years; two only of his children by his last wife survived him. Ama only daughter of John Lee by his second wife married to Zechariah Marvin of Lyme; by him she had a number of children; she had the small pox March 1777;

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leaving four children to survive her, one of whom died of the small pox taken from his mother.

"John Lee, the father of the last mentioned Ama etc., being again a widower (his second wife Eunice dying of consumption), married Abigail Tully of Saybrook, by whom he had two children, Eunice and Andrew. Andrew was born May 7th (old style), and the night after the 26th of August following (i. e. 1745) the s<sup>d</sup> John Lee died of the lung or nervous fever, aged 43 years; he was Attorney at Law, for some time King's Attorney for the County of New London, and in nomination for an Assistant. He was much employed in public business—for many years a Representative for the town of Lyme in the General Assembly. After his death his widow removed to Saybrook, and Jan. 6th 1749 married Deac. Caleb Chapman of that town, with whom she lived till May 2nd 1773, at which time she died of the dropsy, in her 65th year."

Here follow certain details, especially a list of the names and dates of birth of the children of Rev. Andrew Lee, with some other particulars respecting him and his family, evidently by a later hand than that of Rev. Joseph Lee, most of the dates being subsequent to his death. We shall use these statements in another place. The old record continues thus :

"Having given an account of the descendants of John eldest son of John Lee who married Elizabeth Smith . . . I return to the other children of s<sup>d</sup> John and Elizabeth. Joseph, second son, married Mary Allen of N. London North Parish, by whom he had ten children; his sons, who lived to adult years, were Samuel, Joseph and Jason, the two eldest were Physicians, the youngest an Anabaptist minister at Lyme—this last died March 1811.

"Joseph the father was in early life a lay preacher; when somewhat advanced, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island Pastor of the church at Oyster-ponds, on Long Island; he continued to minister at that place until the Revolutionary war broke out; he then returned to Lyme, where he died in a good old age.

"Benjamin, third son of John and Elizabeth Lee, married Mary Ely of Lyme, by whom he had eleven children; he was a husbandman and Justice of the Peace for many years; he died of the Small Pox April 1777.



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"Sarah, eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Lee, married John Lay of Lyme, by whom she had five children.

"Elizabeth, second daughter of John and Elizabeth Lee, died unmarried, aged 25 years.

"Phoebe, third daughter, married James Elderkin, by whom she had children; s<sup>d</sup> Elderkin dying, she married Samuel Southward, who also died before her; she lived to old age.

"Lucy, the fourth daughter, married to Amos Tinker of Lyme, by whom she had a number of children; she died of consumption.

"Jane, the fifth daughter, married Thomas Way of Lyme, by whom she had several children, one of which married to Giles Lee.

"Mary, the sixth daughter, married to John Comstock of New London North Parish, by whom she had six children; one of her sons was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army of the U. States, and was killed by the British at the taking of New York 15th Sept. 1776; his name was John; her youngest son, Asa, was drowned at sea.

"Hepsibah, the seventh daughter, married to Elisha Lee of Lyme, by whom she had two sons, Elisha and Seth, and two daughters, Phoebe and Cate; after the death of her husband the s<sup>d</sup> Hepsibah married to John Sill of Lyme, by whom she had two sons, Richard and Enoch.

"The eighth daughter, Joanne, married to John Beckwith of Lyme, by whom she had four children.

"The first mentioned John Lee who married Elizabeth Smith, and was father of the eight before mentioned women, died Jan. 17th, old style, of the measles, aged 44—I think in 1716; he was a professor of the Christian faith, and died in the faith, leaving his dying charge to his children and descendants, charging them all to keep a copy of it to the end of time . . . Elizabeth widow of s<sup>d</sup> John Lee 1722 married to John Bailey [Bates] of Groton, with whom she lived until 1727, when he died, and she returned to Lyme and lived with her children till 1762, when she died worn out with age, being more than ninety years of age.

"We have passed over some particulars respecting the second Thomas Lee mentioned towards the beginning . . . His wife Sarah Kirtland dying, he married Mary D'Wolf of Lyme, by whom he had several children

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who lived, besides several which died in infancy : 1st William, 2nd Stephen, 1st daughter named [Phoebe], 2d daughter named [Mary], 3d daughter Phoebe [Elizabeth], 4th daughter Hannah, 5th Lydia who died unmarried.

"William son of Thomas and Mary Lee married Mary Griffin of Long Island, by whom he had :

"1<sup>st</sup> Ezra, who was a merchant, and married a Southmayd of Lyme, by whom he had several children ; one of his daughters married Rev. Richard Crouch Graham of Pelham, Mass., and, after his death, Mr. King of Palmer, Mass. Another daughter married Rev. Moses Baldwin of s<sup>d</sup> Palmer. The s<sup>d</sup> Ezra Lee was killed by accidentally setting fire to a barrel of gunpowder. Abner 2nd son of s<sup>d</sup> William and Mary Lee married Elizabeth Lee, mentioned above. This Abner Lee had by the s<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth a son named Ezra, who married a Mather of Lyme, by whom he had a number of children, the eldest of whom, named Samuel Holden Parsons, is a Physician, and lives at New London. A second son of s<sup>d</sup> Abner and Elizabeth, named Dan, married a Champlin, and, after her death, another of the same name, by whom he had one daughter ; he lives with his father at Lyme.

"A third son of s<sup>d</sup> Abner and Elizabeth Lee, named Abner, married a Griffin, and lives on the North River in State of New York.

"A fourth son, named John Allen Lee, was a Physician ; lived at Clinton, State of New York, married a Dutch woman named Stotenburg, by whom he left four daughters.

"The s<sup>d</sup> Abner and Elizabeth Lee had also two daughters ; the elder, named Lucinda, married Capt. Elias Mather of Lyme, by whom she had a number of children ; s<sup>d</sup> Mather dying, she married Deac. Basil Beckwith of Millington.

"The aforesaid William and Mary Lee had a third son, named Cyrus, who married a Huntley of Lyme, by whom he had a number of children. The eldest daughter of s<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> and Mary Lee married to Uriah Rowland of Lyme, and left a family of children.

"The second daughter of s<sup>d</sup> William and Mary Lee, Azaboth, married Dan<sup>l</sup> D'Wolf, by whom she had children ; after his death she married to Josiah [Joseph] Sill of Lyme.

"Stephen second [surviving] son of Thomas and Mary Lee, mentioned above, married Abigail Lord, by whom he had a number of children ; the

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first [son] who lived to marry was named Stephen, he lived at New London, was a Colonel, and left a number of children. Stephen son of Thomas and Mary Lee had another son, named Thomas, who married a Peck, and had children. They had also a daughter who married a John Lay of Lyme, and another daughter who married to Nathan Latimer of New London; these both left children.

“The eldest [second] daughter of Thomas and Mary Lee, whose name I know not, married to Joseph Beckwith of Lyme, by whom she had ten children.

“Second [third] daughter of s<sup>d</sup> Thomas and Mary (name unknown) married Samuel Peck of Lyme; they had children.

“Third [eldest] daughter of s<sup>d</sup> Thomas and Mary, named Phoebe, married to Reynold Marvin of Lyme; they had children.

“Fourth daughter of s<sup>d</sup> Thomas and Mary Lee, named Hannah, married to John Griswold of Lyme; this John and Hannah Griswold were parents to the late Matthew Griswold, late Governor of Connecticut.

“This John and Hannah Griswold had a numerous family, viz., two sons and seven daughters, who lived to have families; their sons were Matthew and Thomas; Matthew married Ursula daughter of Roger Wolcott Esq., Gov. of Conn., by whom he had three sons, and two daughters; Thomas married a Lynde of Saybrook, by whom he had six daughters.

“The daughters of John Griswold Esq. and Hannah his wife were :  
1. Phoebe, who married Rev. Jonathan Parsons of Lyme, afterwards of Newburyport Mass.; 2. Hannah, married to Benajah Bushnell of Norwich;  
3. Sarah, married to William Hillhouse Esq. of Montville; 4. Lucy, married to Elijah Backus Esq. of Norwich; 5. Clerina, married to Mr. Elliott of New Milford, a son of Rev. Dr. Elliott of Killingworth;  
6. Deborah, married to Mr. Jewett of Lyme; 7. Lydia [married] to a Loudon of New York.<sup>7</sup>

“I now return to treat of another branch of the family [of] Thomas Lee who married Sarah Kirtland. It was observed that they had three children, John, Thomas and Sarah; we have yet treated only of the elder

<sup>7</sup> We pass over, as not important here, some slight inaccuracies in respect to Lords and Griswolds of Lee descent (see **G**riswold and **L**ord).

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branch John. I now proceed to write of Thomas second son ; he married Elizabeth Graham of Hartford, by whom he had :

“ 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas, who died a Bachelor at an advanced age.

“ 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, who married Jane Freeman of New London, by whom he had several children.

“ 3<sup>d</sup> Elisha, who married Hepsibah Lee mentioned above, by whom he had four children.

“ The s<sup>d</sup> Thomas and Elizabeth Lee had also four daughters : 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, who died unmarried in an advanced age ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth, who married Rev. George Griswold of East Society, Lyme, mentioned above, by whom she had several children ; 3<sup>d</sup> daughter, name unknown [Esther], married Clement Miner of Lyme, by whom she had children ; 4<sup>th</sup> Eunice, married to John Lee . . .

“ We now proceed to write of Sarah daughter of Thomas Lee who married Sarah Kirtland . . .

“ This Sarah Lee married to Daniel Buckingham of Saybrook. I suppose this Daniel to have been the son of the Rev. Mr. Buckingham of Saybrook, who succeeded Rev. Mr. Fitch who removed to Norwich.

“ This Dan<sup>l</sup> Buckingham had a number of children by Sarah his wife, viz.

“ 1. Daniel, who married Lydia Lord of Saybrook, by whom he had Daniel, Adonijah, Nathan,<sup>8</sup> Samuel, Giles and Andrew ; and two daughters, Anna and Lydia.

“ 2. Stephen second son of Dan<sup>l</sup> and Sarah Buckingham, who removed to Carolina, which is all we know of him.

“ 3. The eldest daughter of s<sup>d</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> and Sarah Buckingham married to Nathaniel Parker of Saybrook ; she died childless.

“ 4. Another of the daughters married Deacon Andrew Lord of Saybrook, by whom she had a number of children.

“ 5. Another daughter married Jonathan Butler of Saybrook, by whom she left children.

“ 6. Another daughter, named Anna, died unmarried.

<sup>8</sup> No Nathan of this marriage is mentioned in Chapman's Buckingham Family (Hartford, 1872), p. 148.

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"After the death of the first mentioned Daniel Buckingham Sarah his widow married to Nathaniel Lynde of Saybrook."

The later hand which we have spoken of as having added to the old record some particulars respecting Rev. Andrew Lee, the same, doubtless, which made these extracts from the original notes of Rev. Joseph Lee, is identified by the signature to the manuscript as we have it—of "William Tully Lee, Jan. 1835," who was a great grandson of John brother of Rev. Joseph, and grandson of Rev. Andrew. It seemed most proper to preserve entire all that remains to us of this interesting original record. We have now to recount the history of the family, so far as known to us, from whatever sources derived, beginning with the emigration. In doing this we shall necessarily repeat some facts already stated; but many others will be added, especially as we come down to later generations.

There is reason to believe that the only son of that Thomas Lee who was buried in the ocean, on his passage to America, was a mere child when the family arrived in the New World; so that the male representative of the second generation could have handed down nothing about his father which he had received directly from him. Family-traditions were effectually broken off. Our first Thomas Lee, therefore, remains, for the most part, a name only. But in the old record of Rev. Joseph Lee there is, as we have seen, a statement that his wife, called Phoebe by Miss Caulkins, was the daughter of a Mr. Brown, who came over with her, accompanied her to Saybrook, and removed from there to Providence, R. I., where he founded "a numerous and respectable family," still remaining in that city when this old family-history was written. In the new "Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island" we find mention of no Brown family of Providence which corresponds with this statement, except that of Mr. Chad Brown, the American progenitor of the distinguished family of Browns of Rhode Island, from whom Brown University takes its name; and we have frequently seen the statement, in New England genealogical writings, that

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the father of Mrs. Thomas Lee was the ancestor of that Brown family of Providence who were the munificent re-founders of the College of Rhode Island. Besides, in the notice of John Brown, eldest son of Mr. Chad Brown, in the "Dictionary," occurs this paragraph :

"1649, Nov. 3 He [John Brown] and five others drew lots for the home-share of Mr. Lea deceased, whose widow was to have 30 s."<sup>9</sup>

We can not doubt that this refers to the widow of our first Thomas Lee. He had, probably, acquired, either before his emigration, or during the passage out with his father-in-law, a joint-right to land in the new home looked forward to (wherever it might be), which, after his death, passed to his widow. It is true that Chad Brown, according to family-history, landed in Boston from the ship "Martin" in 1638, with his wife Elizabeth, and son John, and perhaps his younger sons, and came to Providence the same year. But it was so often the case, in those times, that English emigrants to this country, after coming over, went back for their families, or on some other errand, that we may reasonably conjecture it to have been so with Chad Brown. The two dates of landing, 1641, given in our old record, and 1638, here given, are, therefore, easily reconcilable.<sup>10</sup>

We extract from "The Chad Browne Memorial"<sup>11</sup> the following facts :

"It is probable that his religious views were not in harmony with those of the Massachusetts settlers, as he soon removed to Providence, where he became at once a leader in the colony and one of its most valued citizens. According to tradition, he was an exile from Salem 'for conscience' sake.' His coming to Providence was the same year of his arrival, and there, with twelve others, he signed the following compact : ' We whose names are hereunder, desirous to inhabit in the town of Providence, do promise to subject ourselves, in active or passive obedience, to all such orders or

<sup>9</sup> The Gen. Dict. of Rhode Island . . . By James Osborne Austin. Albany, 1887, p. 258.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. Reuben A. Guild, Librarian of Brown University, having lately made very thorough researches in respect to Roger Williams and his cotemporaries, we submitted this statement to him, for verification. He replies (April 9, 1889) : " You make a very clear and convincing statement in regard to the daughter of Chad Brown. Am sorry not to be able to add anything thereto."

<sup>11</sup> By Mrs. Abby Isabel (Brown) Bulkley. Brooklyn, 1888, pp. 7-8.

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agreements as shall be made for the public good of the body, in an orderly way, by the major assent of the present inhabitants, masters of families, incorporated together into a town fellowship, and such others as they shall admit into them, only in civil things.'

"In his capacity as surveyor he was soon after appointed on a committee to compile a list of the Home Lots of the first settlers on the 'Towne Streete' and the meadows allotted to them. It is to this important work that we are indebted for our knowledge of these properties. His Home Lot fronted on the 'Towne Streete' . . . ." The Grounds of Brown University comprise a large portion of this lot.

"In 1640 'Robert Cole, Chad Brown, William Harris and John Warner were the committee of Providence Colony who reported to them their first written form of government, which was adopted and continued in force until 1644, when Roger Williams returned from England with the first Charter. Of the thirty-nine signatures to this agreement Chad Brown's is the first. This instrument contains the arbitration decision to which in later years Roger Williams, in speaking of the dissensions which so disturbed the peace of the early colonists, referred on this wise: 'The truth is that Chad Brown, that Holy man, now with God, and myself, brought the remaining after-comers and the first twelve to a one-ness by arbitration.'

"In 1642 he was ordained as the first settled Pastor of the [First] Baptist Church, and is thus mentioned by Hague in his Historical Discourse: 'Contemporary with Roger Williams, he possessed a cooler temperament, and was happily adapted to sustain the interests of religion just where that great man failed. Not being affected by the arguments of the Seekers, he maintained his standing firmly in a church which he believed to be founded on the Rock of eternal truth 'even the Word of God which abideth forever.' We know only enough of his character to excite the wish to know more; but from that little it is clear that he was highly esteemed as a man of sound judgment and of a Christian spirit. Often referred to as the arbitrator of existing differences, in a state of society where individual influence was needed as a substitute for well digested laws, he won that commendation which the Savior pronounced when he said 'blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.'

"In 1643 he was on a committee to negotiate peace between the Warwick settlers and Massachusetts Bay . . . ."

The facts of Mr. Chad Brown's life show that he was a gentleman of education, and of high standing, public and private. His was one of the leading minds in the Providence Colony. In September 2, 1650,

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his widow is referred to. No record of his death has been found. His sons John, James, Jeremiah, Chad and Daniel left "a numerous Posterity."

It is evident that the family of Mr. Thomas Lee must have had some special inducement to make Saybrook their home; otherwise it would have been natural for them to settle in Providence, where we suppose Mr. Chad Brown to have had a home already.

In early colonial times Saybrook, at the mouth of the "Great River" of New England, was expected to become a large city. Col. Fenwick, as is well known, was an early settler there, one of the family of whose wife's first husband, Boteler, as English pedigrees show, had married Piers Leigh of Lyme. In 1637, when, as Hume tells us, Sir Arthur Hasebrig, John Hampden, John Pym and Oliver Cromwell had embarked for America with others, despairing of their mother-country,<sup>12</sup> these eminent would-be exiles are believed to have had Saybrook in view for their new home on these shores. The attention of English gentlemen of family and fortune was evidently turned in this direction. What we know of the Lees of England of the earlier generations would not, indeed, prepare us to find any of their race in sympathy with men of the Commonwealth. Yet Milton's sonnet to Lady Margaret Ley, as

"Daughter to that good Earl, once President  
Of England's Council and her Treasury,  
Who liv'd in both unstain'd with gold or fee,  
And left them both, more in himself content,  
Till the sad breaking of that Parliament  
Broke him, as that dishonest victory  
At Chaeronea, fatal to liberty,  
Kill'd with report that old man eloquent"

alludes to the dissolution of Parliament in 1628-29, after the passing of the Petition of Right. The father of the lady addressed was James Ley, who was raised to the peerage in 1624, as Baron Ley of Ley in Devonshire,

<sup>12</sup> The History of England . . . By David Hume. London, 1845, iv. 470-71.



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and was made Earl of Marlborough by Charles I. in 1626-27, in his old age. He died the next year, and was succeeded by his eldest son Henry, who died in 1638, leaving the earldom to his son James, afterwards distinguished as a Cavalier in the Civil War; and this third Earl of Marlborough, singularly enough, is easily identified with a Lord Ley who was in Boston in 1637, and returned to England the same year with young Sir Henry Vane, and whom Winthrop calls "son and heir of the Earl of Marlborough, being about nineteen years of age, who came only to see the country."<sup>13</sup>

Apart from all general considerations, however, directing attention to Saybrook as a place of settlement, some specific attractions may be suggested as having drawn our Lee family to that spot. Perhaps friends who had gone to Saybrook, before Thomas Lee embarked for America, had procured an appropriation of land there, to which his widow and children were taken by Mr. Brown on their arrival. We notice, also, the fact that our Lees came to Saybrook when the only settlement was on the west side of The River, where the first Matthew Griswold was an early settler, and the confidential agent of Col. Fenwick. When we next hear of both families they were in possession of adjoining lands in East Saybrook, now Lyme. Phoebe Hyde, niece of the second Thomas Lee, married the second Matthew Griswold, and after that Thomas Lee's death his widow became the second wife of the same Matthew Griswold. After their marriage a marriage took place, in the next generation, between Hannah Lee, her daughter, and John Griswold his son. The close intimacy, which this continued nearness of residence and these alliances show, suggests the idea that the Lees and Griswolds had been friends in Old England, and, re-united in this country, formed perhaps even closer relations than before. The theory gains probability from our knowledge that at and near Kenilworth, the native place of the Griswolds, there were at the time two branches of the Cheshire Leghs. There is situated Stoneleigh Abbey, the seat of the Barons Leigh, a branch of the old Leghs of Lyme in Cheshire,

<sup>13</sup> Savage's Winthrop, i. 274 (229), 281 (233); Masson's Poetical Works of John Milton, ii. 286-87.

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in which Thomas has been the prominent family-name for generations, as is the case in our Lee family. Though we cannot find our first Thomas Lee in the printed pedigrees of the titled Stoneleigh Abbey family, or other Warwickshire families of the name, it is easy to imagine that he came from some side-branch of these or kindred families, was intimate with the first Matthew Griswold, attempted to follow him to America, but died on the passage; and that his family carried out the original intention, and, when East Saybrook was set off as a separate town, the name of the old home Kenilworth or "Killingworth," in Warwickshire, having been appropriated by Edward Griswold, elder brother of Matthew, for the town he founded, that the second Thomas Lee named the new town after his ancient ancestral home of Lyme in Cheshire. We suggest these probabilities, but with our present information it is impossible to confirm them.<sup>14</sup>

Thomas Lee left three children,<sup>15</sup> all born in England :

- 2        i. *Phoebe*,<sup>2</sup> (called Sarah by Chancellor Walworth and Miss Caulkins); who married, November 1, 1659, John son of William Large of Hingham and Cape Cod, Mass., who was of Lyme and afterwards of Long Island; and had by him one daughter, who married ——— Wright of Killingworth, Conn.
- 3        ii. *Jane*; <sup>2</sup> who married, in June 1659, Samuel only son of the first William Hyde of Norwich, Conn. By her daughter
- 4        1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>3</sup> born in August 1660, "the first white child born in Norwich," who married Lieut. Richard Lord, she was the ancestress of all the Hyde-Lords of Lyme (see **Lord**). By

<sup>14</sup> Dr. F. R. Lee Strathy of Harborne, Birmingham, who has made a study of Lee genealogy, writes (December 4, 1887): "I am inclined to believe that most of the Lees who settled in your neighbourhood about 1640 were connected with each other, though of course it would be a difficult matter to prove.

"I also should think that it is more than probable that Lyme, Connecticut, was named after Lyme in Cheshire."

<sup>15</sup> We have heard of late that the descendants of Edward Lee who was of Guilford, Conn., about 1650, believe themselves to be descendants of Thomas of Saybrook, but we cannot learn the reasons for their belief. No tradition concerning this Edward can be found in the family of Thomas, and he is not mentioned in the carefully prepared family-record of Rev. Joseph Lee.

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5        2. *Phoebe*,<sup>3</sup> her second daughter, born in January 1663, who married  
Matthew Griswold, the second of the name, she was also the ancestress of  
all the Griswolds of Lyme (see **Griswold**).

The other children of Jane (Lee) Hyde, who grew up, were :

- 6        3. *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> born in May 1665 ; who married Elizabeth Calkins,  
7        4. *John*,<sup>3</sup> born in December 1667 ; who married Experience Abel,  
8        5. *William*,<sup>3</sup> born in January 1670 ; who married Anne Bushnell,  
9        6. *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> born in July 1672 ; who married Mary Backus, and  
10       7. *Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> born in May 1677 ; who married Elizabeth Bushnell.

In regard to the widow of Thomas Lee, daughter of "Mr. Brown," we learn that she married, secondly, Greenfield Larrabee of Saybrook. Savage says he "had (by his wife, supposed to have been a Brown of Providence) Greenfield, born 20 April, 1648 ; John, born 23 February, 1650 ; Elizabeth, born 23 January, 1653 ; Joseph, born March 1655 . . . ; and Sarah, born 3 March, 1658."<sup>16</sup>

Greenfield Larrabee the son married Alice Parke, in 1673, and settled near Norwich, on the east side of the Shetucket River, where he prospered and acquired large lands. Miss Caulkins says : "The Lees and Larrabees were at Giant's Neck, and the Griswolds at Black Hall—two of the most conspicuous and eligible situations on that breezy portion of the coast."<sup>17</sup>

Rev. Joseph Lee tells us that the third husband of Thomas Lee's widow was a "Mr. Cornish, by whom she had a son whose descendants remain to this time in Simsbury, Conn." They are still there, but we have obtained no information from them.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> We may believe that she called her first two Larrabee children for her eldest brother and her mother. Her daughter Jane Lee, who married Samuel Hyde, named her first child Elizabeth (afterwards wife of Richard Lord), as we may suppose, for her grandmother Brown. She also named a son John. Her son Thomas named two of his children John and Elizabeth.

<sup>17</sup> History of Norwich . . . . By Frances Manwaring Caulkins, n. p., 1866, p. 187.

<sup>18</sup> Savage's Dictionary mentions "James Cornish, of Saybrook 1662, Schoolmaster at Northampton 1664 . . . removed to Westfield . . . in Andros's time was Clerk of the County Court . . . had . . . James who went to Simsbury . . ."

The early Griswolds owned a wide domain, beginning at Blackhall and extending eastward for several miles, including Giant's Neck, while the Lees owned a large tract of land in that neighborhood next above them on the north. The name of Greenfield Larrabee does not appear on the Lyme records. He may have occupied land there owned by his wife and her children. He removed with his family to Norwich. In 1675 and in 1701 John Larrabee, his second son by the Lee wife (at the latter date of Windham), sold land in Lyme to Thomas Lee,<sup>19</sup> which may have been John Larrabee's share of his mother's Lee property. When the family of his Larrabee stepfather removed to Norwich, Thomas Lee probably took possession of the family-estate in Lyme, either by inheritance or purchase, or both. The Records mention that he claimed ownership of disputed land in that neighborhood, in 1664.

Rev. Joseph Lee did not know where the children of Thomas Lee lived after the second marriage of their mother, which must have taken place within seven years after her arrival in this country; but, since we have learned that the early Lees and Larrabees lived near Giant's Neck, in what is now East Lyme, before it was set apart from Saybrook, it seems natural to infer that Thomas Lee's children lived there with their mother after her marriage to Greenfield Larrabee. The daughter Jane probably made the acquaintance of Samuel Hyde when his father's family lived in Saybrook, on the west side of the river, and Phoebe, who married John Large of Long Island, could easily have met him on the Connecticut shore of the Sound. Elizabeth and Phoebe, daughters of Samuel and Jane (Lee) Hyde of Norwich, when visiting their grandmother Larrabee in Lyme, would naturally have met there their husbands Richard Lord and the second Matthew Griswold.

The marriage of Jane Lee to Samuel Hyde having brought Hyde blood into so many family-lines commemorated in our volumes, we may properly give here the substance of the results of Chancellor Walworth's

<sup>19</sup> Lyme Records.

investigations relative to the first generation of the Hydes in New England. "The name of William Hyde first appears at Hartford, Conn., in 1636 ; and his name is on the monument in the old cemetery at that place as one of the original settlers, and he had land assigned to him there." The Chancellor was unable to ascertain from what part of England he came, or when he landed in America, or the place of his landing ; but thought it probable that he came over with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1633, and that he and his family were of that brave company who traversed the wilderness from Massachusetts to the Connecticut River in 1636-37. From Hartford he went to Saybrook, probably soon after 1639, and he was among the original proprietors of Norwich in 1660, where he was "a man of considerable importance." He died at Norwich in 1681. "No information has been obtained as to the name of his wife, or when or where she died."<sup>20</sup> She must have died in Hartford or Saybrook after 1637, the year of the birth of her son.

Samuel Hyde their only son married, in June 1659, Jane Lee of East Saybrook (Lyme), sister of Thomas Lee. Samuel Hyde and his wife went to Norwich in 1660. Their eldest child Elizabeth was born in August of that year, "the first white child born in Norwich." He was a farmer, and had lands assigned him at Norwich, West Farms, where he died in 1677, at the age of forty years. He left five sons and two daughters, of whom Elizabeth married Richard Lord, and Phoebe married Matthew Griswold. His widow married John Birchard, a proprietor of Norwich, a widower with a large family of children. He became guardian of her children, all minors, "a man of considerable note in the company, particularly as a scribe, serving for several years as Town Clerk and Recorder." He served as Clerk of the County Court, Commissioner or Justice of the Peace, and Deputy to the General Court. Mr. Birchard was one of the original proprietors of Lebanon, and "removed thither with his

<sup>20</sup> Hyde Genealogy . . . By Reuben H. Walworth . . . Albany, 1864 (one vol. in two), i. pp. 2-3.

family, probably about 1698, and there died November 17, 1702. . . . His relict Mrs. Jane Birchard died at Lebanon January 21, 1722-23."<sup>21</sup>

Whatever of Lee family-history, or relics, the widow of Mr. Thomas Lee carried with her in her successive marriages, we have been unable to learn, as we have not succeeded in corresponding with any of her Larrabee or Cornish descendants.

Accepting as we do the belief that the "Mr. Lea, deceased," who had been associated with Mr. Chad Brown's family, was our first Thomas, we note the title of "Mr." as defining his social rank to be that of a "gentleman," as it was understood in those days. What we know of his descendants sustains that assumption. The second Thomas Lee came to America too young to have been educated in England; but he had a high social position here, and he and his descendants, in all their generations, have intermarried with many of the principal families. As his great grandson Rev. Joseph Lee states, and as is generally believed, Thomas Lee had a large property which he must have inherited. Other traditions make him heir to a large estate, enabling him to become proprietor of one-eighth of the township of Lyme; he was certainly a very large land-owner. His name is associated with that of the first Matthew Griswold, much his senior, in town-affairs; he seems to have stood second to him in prominence, after the death of the first Reinold Marvin. All the facts of his life, and the inferences from them, tend to show that he descended from a family of wealth and position, which in those days could hardly have been other than one belonging to the English gentry. His Will shows an aristocratic partiality for the English law of entail. His prominence in public affairs would naturally give him a controlling influence in the selection of the name of the new town. If he had the energy and ambition which have predominated in his race, he was likely to urge the selection of the name of his own ancestral home. No other suggestion has been made for the origin of the name of the town than the one we have ventured

<sup>21</sup> Hyde Geneal., *ut supra*, i. 4; and Caulkins's *Norwich*, *ut supra*, p. 166.

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to make, that the second Thomas Lee called it from the ancient home of the Leghs in Lyme, Cheshire. The Lee family of which he was the progenitor, has always held a respectable position, and many times has been prominent under its own name, and in its female lines it has carried its traits into countless families of distinction. What those traits have been it is difficult now to ascertain or describe. The Lee type of mind, as we understand it, is not that of the strong, sturdy, yeoman class, it has finer lines. It has a certain finesse. Like electricity, it is one of those delicate potencies which you can feel but cannot describe. Introduced into other races, it has been "the little leaven leavening the whole lump." As far back as we can trace it, it has often brought beauty and ambition. In modern times the blood has sometimes brought with it a certain caprice, a restless ambition, a love of rich adornment in jewels and clothing, of elegance in living, which may, or may not have been inherited from a remoter Lee ancestry.

Our remarks on the Lees have been necessarily incomplete and fragmentary, the family in all its lines, male and female, being very large, and few of its records having been sent to us. Looking over them, we have a general impression of a spirited, active race, with a good general average of respectability of character and position, while in some instances, its members have risen to the first rank.

As far back as the memory of living man can recall, there has been more than usual beauty in the Lee family, and tradition brings the same report from remoter periods. As far as is known, they have often had rather narrow faces, high features, fine complexions and very brilliant black eyes, sometimes, as in the case of Judge Samuel Lee Selden, a very handsome man (whose mother of Lee birth had great beauty of face and form), the eyes have been large, and with commanding power. Gov. Roger Griswold had eyes unlike any other branch of the Griswold family or the Wolcotts, very large, brilliant and *powerful*, which he may have inherited from his grandmother, a daughter of Thomas Lee, and his great grandmother Thomas Lee's sister. A similar kind of eye has been the marked

feature of the Lee family of Virginia, and, from the portraits and descriptions of him, the late Gen. Robert E. Lee might have been considered a "typical Lee," as much of our family as of his own.

The third child of the first Thomas Lee was :

- 11      iii. *Thomas*;<sup>2</sup> usually entitled Ensign Thomas Lee (having been "appointed to be Ensign of the trainband in the towne of Lyme" in March, 1701);<sup>20</sup> also Lieutenant; a Representative in 1676; who was twice married: first, to Sarah Kirtland of Saybrook (who died May 21, 1676); and, secondly, July 13, 1676, to Mary daughter of Balthazar De Wolf (see **Notes on the Family of De Wolf**), whom tradition reports as having been a very attractive woman; and died January 5, 1704-05. He was one of the claimants of the debatable territory between New London and Saybrook, about 1664-65, when Lyme was soon to be set off as a separate town; and in 1686 he relinquished his claim to "the land on Black Point possessed by the Nihanticks, Hammonassetts and Mejuarnes—next to the Giant's land."<sup>21</sup> Of his Will, proved February 19, 1704, and now deposited in the Probate Office of New London, we give an abstract as follows:

"June y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1703."

Two elder sons John and Thomas having received their portions in full—to dear and loving wife Mary one third of all movables, absolutely, and one third of all fenced and improved lands, "and on the Island and planting field," together with one third of all buildings, during her natural life, she paying one third of all needed repairs and rates; to son William grant from town on Pygan's Hill, estimated to be 120 acres, and £30. of movable estate, at the age of twenty-one years, said lands being entailed to him and his heirs male lawfully begotten; to son Joseph certain lands, being about eighteen acres, together with certain meadows, the same being entailed to him and his heirs male lawfully begotten; to son Benjamin the home-  
stead-buildings, orchard and lands, and certain land on the great Island, being

<sup>20</sup> The Public Rec. of the Col. of Conn. . . . 1689-1706 . . . By C. J. Hoadly. Hartford, 1868, p. 350.

<sup>21</sup> History of New London . . . By Frances Manwaring Caulkins . . . New London, 1852, p. 170.



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entailed to him and his heirs male lawfully begotten; to son Stephen 10 acres of land "to him and his assigns," 60 acres "on the East side of bride pond," and 3 acres of salt meadow "lying somewhere near jyant's neck or bride brook river," which my two sons John and Thomas ingaged to give me for any of my Sons to whome I should assigne it," the meadow and 60 acres being entailed to him and his heirs male lawfully begotten. As to daughters: acknowledges daughter Sarah by giving her £5. "in consideration that my uncle West took her as his own, and gave her a grate portion;" three daughters Phoebe, Mary and Elizabeth having had £40. each, to two younger daughters Hannah and Lydia £40. each, "to be paid to them out of my moveable estate," or two sons Joseph and Benjamin to pay the same to them. If all of movable estate be not disposed of by certain foregoing provisions—then, the surplus to be equally divided between five younger daughters. If William die without lawful heirs male, his portion of lands to go to Stephen; and if Stephen die without lawful heirs male, his portion of lands to go to William. If either Joseph or Benjamin die without lawful heirs male, his portion of lands to be equally divided between William and Stephen "till one of them be made equall to Joseph or Benjamin that is liveing, and the overplus to be divided among them all." If either William or Stephen die under age, his portion of movables to be equally divided between five younger daughters.

"Furthermore my will is, concerning the lands that I gave to my elder sons John and Thomas by intailments, that, if either of them shall dye and leave no lawful male haiar, then the other shall have all his intail lands. Moreover my will is that, if by reason of deaths my land shall pass from one of my sons to another, it shall notwithstanding stand under the same surcumstances of intailment forever.

"And I doe appoint my  
Loveing wife and my two  
sons John and Thomas Lee  
Exsecutors of this my last will "

I doe here sygne and seal  
to all that is wrighten on  
both sides of this paper,  
as witness my hand and seal,  
Thomas Lee "

"Witness by us  
Abraham Brunson  
Mathew Beckwith Sr.  
Elizabeth Beckwith.

"Lyme Feb<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 170 <sup>$\frac{4}{5}$</sup>  This Day Lt Abram Brunson and Mathew Beckwith and Mrs. Elizabeth Beckwith, personally Appearing, made oath that they saw Ensigne

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Thomas Lee signe and seale the above written Instrument, and Declare it to be his Last will, and that att that time he was off sound memory and understanding to the best of there Judgm't,

before mee

Will<sup>m</sup> Ely, Justice peace'

"Recorded in the 2<sup>d</sup> Book of Wills  
on fol. 53 : this 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1705,  
p'r George Denison, Clerk."

By his first marriage Lieutenant Thomas Lee (or Laigh) had four children :

12 i. *John*<sup>3</sup> (see below).

13 ii. *Mary*,<sup>3</sup> born September 21, 1671; who married Thomas Lord of Lyme, son of William of Saybrook (see **Lord**).

14 iii. *Thomas*<sup>3</sup> (see below).

15 iv. *Sarah*,<sup>3</sup> born January 14, 1674-75; who married Daniel Buckingham of Saybrook, Conn., and had :

16 1. *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> born September 21, 1695; who married Nathaniel Parker of Saybrook, and died childless.

17 2. *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> born April 9, 1698; who married Lydia Lord of Saybrook ;  
18-21 by whom he had : 1. *Ann* ;<sup>5</sup> 2. *Daniel* ;<sup>5</sup> 3. *Daniel*<sup>5</sup> 2d ; 4. *Adonijah* ;<sup>5</sup>  
22-27 5. *John* ;<sup>5</sup> 6. *Lydia* ;<sup>5</sup> 7. *Samuel* ;<sup>5</sup> 8. *Giles* ;<sup>5</sup> 9. *Andrew* ;<sup>5</sup> 10. *Peggy*.<sup>5</sup>

28 3. *Hester*,<sup>4</sup> born April 16, 1701; who married Deacon Andrew Lord of Saybrook, and had a number of children.

29 4. *Stephen*,<sup>4</sup> born August 4, 1703; who married Elizabeth Sherwood of Fairfield, Conn.; by whom he had children. He is said to have removed to one of the Carolinas.

30 5. *Ann*,<sup>4</sup> born October 11, 1705; who died at the age of nineteen years, unmarried.

31 6. *Temperance*,<sup>4</sup> born in 1708; who married Jonathan Butler of Saybrook; and had children.

32 Samuel (24) grandson of Daniel and Sarah (Lee) Buckingham was the paternal grandfather of the late honored "War-Governor" William Alfred<sup>7</sup>

34 Buckingham of Connecticut, and of Rev. Dr. Samuel Giles<sup>7</sup> Buckingham  
35 of Springfield, Mass. Their father was Dea. Samuel<sup>6</sup> Buckingham, whose  
wife was Joanna Matson of Lyme, an aunt of Chief Justice Henry Matson  
Waite of Connecticut.

After the death of Daniel Buckingham, which occurred May 25,  
1725, his widow Sarah (Lee) Buckingham married Judge Nathaniel  
Lynde of Saybrook, whom she survived (see ~~Digby-Lynde~~).<sup>21</sup>

John (12) Lee (or Laigh) the eldest child of Lieut. Thomas Lee  
by his first marriage, born September 21, 1670, married, February 8, 1692,  
Elizabeth Smith of Lyme; and died January 17, 1716. He had children  
as follows :

- 36 1. *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> born November 12, 1693; who married John Lay of  
Lyme (see ~~Prodigree of Lay~~), by whom she had five children.
- 37 2. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> born April 30, 1695; who died in 1720, unmarried.
- 38 3. *Phoebe*,<sup>4</sup> born March 2, 1696-97; who married: first, James  
Elderkin, and had children; and, secondly, Samuel Southward, whom she  
survived, dying in old age.
- 39 4. *Lucy*,<sup>4</sup> born June 20, 1699; who married, January 17, 1716-17,  
Amos Tinker of Lyme, by whom she had seven sons and five daughters,  
whose births are recorded, between November 5, 1717 and February 4,  
1744-45.
- 40 5. *Jane*<sup>4</sup> (or Jeane, or Joanne), born May 20, 1701; who married  
Thomas Way of Lyme, by whom she had, beside several other children, a  
41 daughter *Delight*,<sup>5</sup> who became the wife of her cousin Giles Lee (see  
below).

<sup>21</sup> The Buckingham Family. . . . By Rev. F. W. Chapman. . . . Hartford, 1872, pp. 141-48,  
189, 180-85.

In the Will of Ensign Thomas Lee, given above, he bequeaths to his daughter Sarah only a remem-  
brance, saying: "My uncle West took her as his own, and gave her a grate portion, whereby she is  
well provided for all-ready." Nathaniel Lynde married her for his second wife. In his Will he states  
that, having made "sufficient provision," before marriage, for his wife's maintenance, he therefore left  
to her only "the best of those ten Rings I Leave" (see ~~Digby-Lynde~~).

42           6. *John*,<sup>4</sup> born May 17, 1703; a Representative and King's Attorney, "much employed," says our old record, "in public business—for many years a representative for the town of Lyme in the General Assembly." Of him we farther learn from Miss Caulkins that, in 1743, he withstood the visionary Rev. James Davenport, when, under his influence, the people of New London made a fire to burn "their idols." John Lee said that "his idols were his wife and children, and that he could not burn them—it would be contrary to the law of God and man; that it was impossible to destroy idolatry without a change of heart and of the affections."<sup>25</sup> He was married three times: first, March 14, 1723–24, to Lydia Allen of Montville, Conn., by whom he had:

43           (1.) *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born November 2, 1724; who married, August 13, 1747, her father's cousin Capt. Abner Lee (see below); and died November 2, 1761.

44           (2.) *Lydia*,<sup>5</sup> born August 13, 1727; who died unmarried.

45           (3.) *Thannah*<sup>5</sup> (or Parthenia), born October 15, 1730; of whom nothing farther is known.

John (42) Lee's second wife, whom he married February 17, 1731–32, was his cousin Eunice Lee (see below), whose children were:

46           1. *John*,<sup>5</sup> born July 25, 1733; Dr. John Lee of Sharon, Conn.; who married Elizabeth daughter of Samuel Griswold and granddaughter of Lieut. Francis Griswold, one of the original Proprietors of Norwich, Conn. (see **Griswold**), *s. p.*

47           2. *Martin*,<sup>5</sup> born July 26, 1735; who died in childhood.

48           3. *Giles*,<sup>5</sup> born July 27, 1737; who married: first, his cousin Delight Way (see above), *s. p.*; secondly, ——— Smith of Sandisfield, Mass., by whom he had *Delight*; <sup>6</sup> and, thirdly, Martha Crook of Blanford, Mass., who bore him several children. He died in August 1790, aged fifty-two years.

<sup>25</sup> Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 458; A Complete Hist. of Conn. . . . By Benjamin Trumbull . . . New Haven, 1818, ii. 538.

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- 50        4. *Ama*,<sup>6</sup> born August 1, 1739; who married, July 23, 1761, Ensign Zechariah Marvin (see **Marvin**) of Lyme; had several children; and died March 1, 1777.

The third wife of John (42) Lee was Abigail Tully, whom he married October 7, 1741. By her he had two children:

- 51        1. *Eunice*,<sup>6</sup> born January 14, 1742-43; who married Samuel son of Rev. Samuel Hall of Meriden, Conn.; and had eight children:
- 52-55        (1.) *Lee*; <sup>6</sup> (2.) *Eunice*; <sup>6</sup> (3.) *Samuel*; <sup>6</sup> (4.) *Elihu*; <sup>6</sup> (5.) *Wil-*
- 56-59        *liam*; <sup>6</sup> (6.) *Lucy*; <sup>6</sup> (7.) *Fanny*,<sup>6</sup> born in 1784; (8.) *John Hubbard*,<sup>6</sup> born in 1788.

Mrs. Eunice (Lee) Hall died of small pox, March 20, 1790.

The second child of John and Abigail (Tully) Lee was:

- 60        2. *Andrew*,<sup>6</sup> born May 7, 1745; who "was educated at Yale College," where "he graduated 1766;" "settled in the Gospel ministry at Hannover, the North Society of Lisbon, October 26, 1768." His pastorate at Hanover was continued for more than sixty years. In 1809 he received from Harvard the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology; and two years earlier had become a Fellow of Yale. He "was a man," says Miss Caulkins, "of generous impulses, candid and liberal in sentiment. Mr. Nelson, his friend and neighbor, said of him: 'He was a man made originally on a noble scale, and his faculties were finely developed by careful and diligent culture.' He published a volume of sermons, and various separate discourses, which display vigorous thought and nice discrimination. He was, however, deficient in pulpit oratory, his delivery being heavy and monotonous."<sup>36</sup> His theology was moderately Calvinistic. He rejected the extreme theorizings of his cotemporary, one of the most influential theologians of his time, the celebrated Dr. Samuel Hopkins.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Nott of Franklin, in a sermon preached at his funeral, says:

<sup>36</sup> History of Norwich. . . . By Frances Manwaring Caulkins. . . . n. p., 1866, p. 444.

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"He was born in Lyme, in 1745. His father died when he was quite young; and his mother was afterwards married to a Mr. Chapman of Saybrook, with whom he lived for a season; but having a taste for learning he was publicly educated. He was graduated at Yale College in 1766; and early entered on the ministry, and settled in this place [Lisbon] in 1768. He was the first minister.

"During the war of the Revolution he served for a time as chaplain in the army, and ever felt a deep interest in the liberties of his country. After the close of the war he was for a number of years one of the Corporation of the College of which he was a graduate. He was a lover of science; a good classic scholar for his day; and a very industrious and useful man. He frequently appeared as an author, and has left one octavo volume of Sermons. Many years ago he received the degree of D.D. [S.T.D.] from Cambridge College. . . ."

John Lee of the fourth generation died August 26, 1745. After his death his widow, Mrs. Abigail (Tully) Lee, married Deacon Caleb Chapman of Saybrook; and died May 2, 1773.

Rev. Dr. Andrew (60) Lee, second child of John Lee by his third marriage, married, December 15, 1768, Eunice Hall, sister of his brother-in-law Samuel Hall, and had a large family, beside one child who died in infancy:

- 61 (1.) *Eunice*,<sup>6</sup> born October 22, 1769; who married, January 21, 1796,  
Rev. Ezra Witter of Wilbraham, Mass. They afterwards removed to  
Canandaigua, N. Y., and later went to West Tennessee. Their children,  
62 beside two who died in infancy, were: 1. *John Lee*,<sup>7</sup> born June 27, 1798;  
63, 64 2. *Robert Bruce*,<sup>7</sup> born May 3, 1800; 3. *Betsy Lee*,<sup>7</sup> born August 4, 1803;  
65 4. *Eunice Hall*,<sup>7</sup> born July 12, 1808.

The second child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was:

- 66 (2.) *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> born April 16, 1771; who married, February 12, 1795,  
67 Hon. William Perkins of Ashford, Conn.; and had by him: 1. *Andrew*,<sup>7</sup>  
68 born March 26, 1796; who died July 24, 1826; 2. *Isaac*,<sup>7</sup> born July 23,  
69, 70 1797; 3. *William Lee*,<sup>7</sup> born January 22, 1799; 4. *Mary*,<sup>7</sup> born December

<sup>27</sup> A Sermon preached at Lisbon . . . at the funeral of Andrew Lee, D.D. . . . who died August 24, 1832, aged 87 years. By Samuel Nott . . . Norwich, 1832, pp. 11-12.

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71 22, 1800; who died October 20, 1822; 5. *Eleazer*,<sup>7</sup> born August 13, 1802;  
72, 73 6. *George*,<sup>7</sup> born December 24, 1803; 7. *Louisa*,<sup>7</sup> born December 22,  
74, 75 1804; 8. *Tamison*,<sup>7</sup> born February 10, 1807; 9 and 10. *Charles*,<sup>7</sup> and twin  
76 son, born January 17, 1809; 11. *John*,<sup>7</sup> born February 5, 1811.

The third child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was:

77 (3.) *John*,<sup>8</sup> born February 21, 1773; an Attorney at Law; who  
married, September 30, 1798, Mary Griffin of Lisbon, Conn.; settled in  
78 Cambridge, Washington co., N. Y.; and died July 29, 1814. He had two  
children: 1. *Eliza Maria*,<sup>7</sup> born November 21, 1799; who married John  
79 Brigham Jr. of Lisbon; they removed to Ohio; and she died March 13,  
1820; 2. *Eleanor Perkins*,<sup>7</sup> born December 30, 1801; who married  
Frederick Perkins of Windham, Conn.; they removed to Michigan.

80 (4.) *Tully*,<sup>8</sup> born December 27, 1774; a physician in Lisbon and  
Hartford, Conn.; who married, May 19, 1796, Lois Abell of Franklin,  
Conn.; and died May 11, 1806. He had children as follows: 1. *William*  
81 *Tully*,<sup>7</sup> born February 16, 1801; who married: first, in 1827, Mary Alder-  
man; and, secondly, in 1845, Mary Collins of New Haven, Conn. By  
his first wife William Tully Lee had, beside two children who died in  
82, 83 infancy: (1.) *William Henry*; <sup>8</sup> (2.) *Mary*.<sup>8</sup> To William Tully Lee we  
owe the preservation of the old record of his great granduncle Rev. Joseph  
Lee, in the form in which we have it, with additions by himself. The  
84 second child of Tully (80) and Lois (Abell) Lee was: 2. *Mary Ann*,<sup>7</sup>  
born June 13, 1803; who married, in September 1827, Ebenezer Pinney  
of Ellington, Conn.; and had, beside two children who died in infancy:  
85-88 (1.) *Charles Hitchcock*; <sup>8</sup> (2.) *Henry Lee*; <sup>8</sup> (3.) *Caroline*; <sup>8</sup> (4.) *Mary*; <sup>8</sup>  
89-90 (5.) *Esther*; <sup>8</sup> (6.) *Elizabeth*.<sup>8</sup> The third child of Tully (80) and Lois  
91 (Abell) Lee was: 3. *Lois Fellows*,<sup>7</sup> born May 6, 1805; who married,  
in September 1827, Ebenezer Potter; and had by him three children:  
92-94 (1.) *Jeremiah Fellows*; <sup>8</sup> (2.) *Ira Hart*; <sup>8</sup> and (3.) *Mary*.<sup>8</sup> Lois (Abell)  
Lee died June 1, 1805.

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The fifth child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was :

- 95 (5.) *Abigail*,<sup>6</sup> born May 23, 1777; who married, in December 1799,  
Charles Lord of Ashford, afterwards of Canterbury, Conn., and later of  
Montreal, Canada; and died in 1817. Their children who grew up were :  
96, 97 1. *William*,<sup>7</sup> born September 19, 1802; 2. *Caroline*,<sup>7</sup> born December 16,  
98 1803; 3. *Edwin*,<sup>7</sup> born May 31, 1805.

The sixth child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was :

- 99 (6.) *Andrew*,<sup>6</sup> born June 2, 1779; who married, in 1807, Lemira  
Bushnell of Lisbon, Conn.; and died February 3, 1815. His children  
100-01 were: 1. *Abigail Williams*,<sup>7</sup> born August 28, 1809; 2. *William Avery*,<sup>7</sup>  
born August 16, 1811; who died in childhood.

The seventh child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was :

- 102 (7.) *Lucy*,<sup>6</sup> born June 23, 1781; who married, June 3, 1802, Dr.  
Judah Bliss of Wilbraham, Mass., afterwards of Canterbury, later of  
Tolland, then of Hartford, Conn., and last of Buffalo, N. Y. She had :  
103-04 1. *Judah Lee*,<sup>7</sup> born March 16, 1803; 2. *Lucy*,<sup>7</sup> born December 24, 1809.

The eighth child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was :

- 105 (8.) *Martin*,<sup>6</sup> born June 11, 1783; Attorney at Law in Granville,  
N. Y.; Member of the Assembly in 1823; State Senator from 1838 to  
1842, and President of the Senate, *pro tem.*, in 1841; County Judge from  
1847 to 1851. He studied law with Judge Gerrit Wendell of Cambridge,  
N. Y., whose daughter Ann became his wife November 14, 1811. He  
was "Captain of the 'Rifle Greens' of Granville in the war of 1812, and  
continued in the military until he reached the title of Major-General." He  
went to Granville "in the early part of this century, and engaged in the  
practice of law. He remained here through the years of his active life,  
except a short time spent at Cambridge in 1827 or 1828. He stood high  
in his profession, and was honored with many important civil trusts, which  
he discharged with conscientious fidelity.



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"Devoutly attached to the Episcopal Church, he was the trusted counselor of the pastor, the leader of services in the absence of the latter, and always the life and soul of the music, assisted by his children, whom he had carefully trained to join in the service of song. He was a major-general of militia, and stood high in the masonic fraternity. His wife was the daughter of Hon. Gerrit Wendell, and in their hospitable and happy home she presided with culture and refinement. She died May 15, 1864, and he passed his last years with his children in Chicago, where he died April 17, 1868. Their sepulchre is with the people they served so long, in the shadow of the church they loved so well. Of them it was beautifully written 'At evening-time there shall be light.'"

It was from information mainly furnished by Hon. Martin Lee that Rev. W. H. Hill drew up his "Genealogical Table of the Lee Family."

By his marriage to Ann Wendell he had children who grew up as follows: 1. *Eliza Ann*,<sup>7</sup> born January 5, 1813; who married, in November 1835, Dr. William Wright of Schaghticoke, afterwards of Fort Edward, N. Y., by whom she had three children who grew to maturity: 106  
107-09 (1.) *William Henry Seward*,<sup>8</sup> (2.) *Cornelia Lee*,<sup>8</sup> (3.) *Albert James*.<sup>8</sup>  
110 2. *Cornelia Wendell*,<sup>7</sup> born December 19, 1815; who died in 1840,  
111 unmarried. 3. *Catharine Maria*,<sup>7</sup> born April 19, 1818; who married  
112 John W. Clements of Glen's Falls, N. Y., and had: (1.) *Francis Martin*,<sup>8</sup>  
113-14 (2.) *George Lee*.<sup>8</sup> 4. *William Andrew*,<sup>7</sup> born December 11, 1820; who  
115 married Lucinda Ostrander of Michigan; and had *Francis William*,<sup>8</sup>  
116 now or lately of Cleveland, O. 5. *George Platt*,<sup>7</sup> born November 13,  
1824; now of Chicago, Ill. He was for some years Treasurer of the  
117 North-Western Railroad. 6. *Rebecca Van Vechten*,<sup>7</sup> born April 23, 1827;  
who married, in August 1849, Samuel W. Perry of Granville, N. Y.;  
118 had one child, *Anna Wendell*,<sup>8</sup> and is now (1887) a widow, residing in  
119 Troy, N. Y. 7. *Helena Mary*,<sup>7</sup> born July 15, 1829; who married Daniel  
L. Wells of Milwaukee, Wisc., "a noble man, and a Christian; but did  
not blow a trumpet before him when doing alms; now dead."

The ninth child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was:

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- 120 (9.) *William*,<sup>6</sup> born August 15, 1785; Deacon William Lee; who  
 married: first, April 9, 1812, Nancy Bingham of Lisbon, Conn.; secondly,  
 Sarah Storrs; and, thirdly, Thankful Ayer; and died March 24, 1871.  
 His first wife died January 27, 1825; his second wife died December 6,  
 1838; his third wife died December 4, 1880. By his first marriage he had:
- 121 1. *Eliza Williams*,<sup>7</sup> born March 17, 1813; who married Aaron Crary;  
 122 2. *Eunice Hall*,<sup>7</sup> born December 4, 1815; who married Levi P. Rowland;  
 123 3. *Nancy*,<sup>7</sup> born September 19, 1817; who married Nathan P. Bishop;  
 124 4. *Andrew*,<sup>7</sup> born January 25, 1820; who married Eliza Hitchcock;  
 125 5. *Talitha Bingham*,<sup>7</sup> born July 10, 1822; who married Moses Gallup;  
 126 6. *Lucy Perkins*,<sup>7</sup> born January 4, 1825; who married Roger A. Bishop.

By his second marriage William (120) Lee had, beside one child who  
 127 died at birth: 1. *William Storrs*,<sup>7</sup> born December 15, 1827; who married  
 128 F. Anna Caulkins; 2. *Samuel Henry*,<sup>7</sup> born December 21, 1832; who  
 married Emma C. Carter.

- The tenth child of Rev. Andrew and Eunice (Hall) Lee was:
- 129 (10.) *Betsey*,<sup>6</sup> born May 4, 1793; who died in infancy.

Mrs. Eunice (Hall) Lee died October 7, 1800. "She was of a fine  
 complexion, small stature, remarkable sprightliness and activity." Her  
 surviving husband married, secondly, October 22, 1801, Abigail widow of  
 Ebenezer Smith of Roxbury, Mass., whose maiden name was Williams;  
 but had no children by her. She died May 23, 1831; and he died  
 August 24, 1832.

- Returning, now, to the fourth generation, the seventh child of John  
 (12) and Elizabeth (Smith) Lee was:
- 130 7. *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> born November 24, 1705; who married, August 21,  
 1727, Mary Allen of New London; and died August 29, 1779, probably  
 at East Lyme, where he lies buried. It is his old record which we have

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made the foundation of this monograph. He there says of himself that he "was in early life a lay preacher," and that, "when somewhat advanced he was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island Pastor of the church at Oyster-ponds on Long Island; he continued to minister at that place until the Revolutionary war broke out; he then returned to Lyme—where," adds the later hand, "he died in a good old age." Mrs. Mary (Allen) Lee, "his widow, died October 13, 1805, in her 99<sup>th</sup> year." He had ten children, of whom only four lived to grow up:

- 131           1. *Lemuel*,<sup>5</sup> born November 4, 1728; who died January 4, 1748-49.
- 132           2. *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> born October 25, 1730; a physician.
- 133           3. *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> born January 27, 1737-38; a physician.
- 134           4. *Jason*,<sup>5</sup> born August 20, 1740; respecting whom Miss Caulkins writes:

"In the same ground [at East Lyme] is interred another devoted minister of Lyme, Elder Jason Lee, a pioneer of the Baptist cause, who died [Mar. 14] in 1810, in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of his ministry."<sup>28</sup>

- 135           A son of his, by his wife Abiah Brown, also named *Jason*,<sup>6</sup> born January 26, 1771, married, February 18, 1795, Jane Griswold, sister of the merchants Nathaniel Lynde and George Griswold of New York (see
- 136           *Griswold*); by whom he had: (1.) *Joseph Woodbridge*,<sup>7</sup> born in 1796;
- 137           (2.) *Matthew Griswold*,<sup>7</sup> born in 1799. A daughter of Jason and Abiah
- 138           (Brown) Lee was *Amy*,<sup>6</sup> born March 12, 1778; who married: first, Rev. Joseph Woodbridge Lee of New London, Conn.; secondly, August 29, 1797, Capt. Oliver Peck of Lyme; and, thirdly, Gurdon Clark; and died
- 139           at Sheffield, Mass., March 20, 1854. Rev. *Joseph Lee*<sup>8</sup> Tucker, Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, Ala., is a great grandson of Elder Jason Lee.

The eighth child of John (12) and Elizabeth (Smith) Lee was:

- 140           8. *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> born January 30, 1707-08; who married John Comstock
- 141           of New London, Conn. One of her sons, named *John*,<sup>5</sup> a Lieutenant in

<sup>28</sup> Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 616.

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the Revolutionary Army, was killed at the taking of New York in 1776, on Long Island "at the orchard-fight."<sup>29</sup>

- 142           9. *Hepzibah*<sup>4</sup> (on record, "Hepzibeth"), born May 16, 1710; who  
 married, February 25, 1735-36, her cousin Elisha Lee; by whom she had,  
 143-45 beside one child who died in infancy: 1. *Phoebe*;<sup>5</sup> 2. *Elisha*;<sup>5</sup> 3. *Seth*;<sup>5</sup>  
 146 4. *Kate*<sup>5</sup> (see below). She married, secondly, April 9, 1752, John Sill;  
 147-48 and had: 1. *Enoch*,<sup>5</sup> born in 1753; who died young; 2. *Richard*,<sup>5</sup> born  
 in 1755; who also died young. Her death occurred in March 1783.
- 149           10. *Benjamin*,<sup>4</sup> born September 4, 1712; a Justice of the Peace for  
 many years; who married, March 25, 1736, Mary Ely; and died in April  
 150 1777. He had a large family. His eldest son, *Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> born February 27,  
 1740-41, married, August 23, 1761, Mary daughter of George Dorr,  
 by Sarah Marvin (see **Marvin**), who was a son of Edmund Dorr by  
 Mary Griswold (see **Griswold**); settled at Lyme, and afterwards  
 removed to Bethlehem, N. Y., later to Pompey, and last to Truxton, N. Y.
- 151 Benjamin and Mary (Dorr) Lee had children as follows: 1. *Stephen*,<sup>6</sup>  
 152-53 born October 4, 1761; 2. *Sarah*,<sup>6</sup> born December 1, 1762; 3. *Mary Ann*,<sup>6</sup>  
 154-55 born May 9, 1765; 4. *George*,<sup>6</sup> born August 23, 1767; 5. *Lucy*,<sup>6</sup> born  
 156-57 July 23, 1769; 6. *Zenas*,<sup>6</sup> born August 31, 1771; 7. *Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> born March 13,  
 1774; who married, March 30, 1795, Sally Champion of Lyme, Conn.;
- 158-59 8. *Charles*,<sup>6</sup> born August 17, 1776; 9. *Lydia*,<sup>6</sup> born February 24, 1779;  
 160 10. *Benjamin*,<sup>6</sup> born March 1, 1781. The second son of Benjamin (149) and  
 161 Mary (Ely) Lee was *Martin*,<sup>5</sup> born June 14, 1748; who probably married,  
 162 December 23, 1771, Sabra Miner; and had: 1. *Christopher*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1772);  
 163 who married Rebecca Marvin (see **Marvin**); 2. *Sabra*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1774); and  
 164 3. *Lucretia*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1777). To Benjamin (149) Lee, by his wife Mary Ely,  
 165 was also born a daughter *Abigail*,<sup>5</sup> November 30, 1752; who probably  
 166 married, June 28, 1776, Elisha Ayer; and had: 1. *Betsy*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1779);  
 167-68 2. *Lucy*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1787); and 3. *Fanny*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1789).

<sup>29</sup> A Catalogue of . . . Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut . . . By Royal R. Hinman . . . Hartford, 1856, No. V. p. 688.

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The youngest daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Ely) Lee was  
 169 *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born May 25, 1757; who married, September 22, 1785,  
 170 Joseph Chester, eldest son of Joseph Chester Esq. of Montville, Conn., by  
 his second wife Elizabeth Otis; and had *Joseph*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1789), his second son;  
 who married, September 10, 1811, Prudee daughter of Major Eleazer  
 Tracy by his wife Prudee Rogers; and had, with other children, *Joseph*  
 171 *Lemuel*,<sup>7</sup> the late Col. Joseph Lemuel Chester of London, our distinguished  
 American genealogist, editor of "The . . . Registers of the . . .  
 Abbey of Westminster;" who also prepared other valuable works, of like  
 kind, which have been edited since his death. He was one of the founders  
 of the Harleian Society of London; received the degree of LL.D. from  
 Columbia College, and was made Doctor of Civil Law at Oxford. Queen  
 Victoria presented him with her portrait, and a copy of Martin's "Life of  
 His Royal Highness the Prince Consort." Col. Chester aided us much in  
 preparing some parts of these volumes.<sup>31</sup>

The youngest son of Benjamin and Mary (Ely) Lee was Dr. *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>  
 172 Lee, born July 5, 1762; of Lyme, and afterwards of Westerly, R. I.; who  
 married Lydia Ann Eliot, a lineal descendant of the "Apostle Eliot;"  
 173 and had, beside other children: 1. Dr. *William Eliot*,<sup>6</sup> who married  
 Susan Smith; by whom he had nine children, of whom only the youngest,  
 174 *Susan Sophia*,<sup>7</sup> survives, now the wife of Charles Dudley Warner, the  
 175 well known writer, of Hartford, Conn.; 2. *Benjamin Franklin*,<sup>6</sup> who  
 married Jane Riker Lawrence of New York, and was the father of  
 176 several children, among whom are Prof. *Benjamin Franklin*<sup>7</sup> Lee and  
 177-78 Dr. *John Lawrence*<sup>7</sup> Lee, both of New York; 3. *Allen Campbell*,<sup>6</sup>  
 who married Jane Ann Pray, and had several sons and daughters; 4. *Sarah*  
 179 *Maria*,<sup>6</sup> who married Rev. Prof. Elijah P. Barrows of Oberlin, O.

<sup>31</sup> Col. Chester's literary executor, George E. Cokayne Esq., Norroy King of Arms, of College of Arms, London—to whom we applied for the privilege of using any Lee papers of Col. Chester—writes (Dec. 17, 1887): "from the intimate knowledge [he] had of him during his life-time," that he feels "almost sure" he made no memoranda relating to the Lee family.

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The youngest child of John (12) and Elizabeth (Smith) Lee was:  
11. *Joanna*,<sup>4</sup> born April 28, 1715; who married John Beckwith of Lyme.

John Lee, the father of these eleven children, left to them a last charge, which his son Rev. Joseph Lee records in the following words. We hand it down as a characteristic memorial:

"The dying charge of John Lee of Lyme, given to his children on his death bed January 13th (old style) 1716—he died the 17th following, in the full assurance of faith, viz.

"I charge you, my dear children, that you fear God and keep his commandments, And that you uphold his public worship with diligence, and as constantly as you can, And that you be constant in the duty of secret prayer, twice ev'ry day, all the days of your lives, And all you that come to be heads of families, that you be constant in family prayers, praying evening and morning with your families, besides your prayers with meat, And that in your prayers you pray for converting grace, for yourselves and others, and that God will shew you the excellency of Christ, and cause you to love him and believe in him; and shew you the evil of sin and make you hate it forever, and turn from it, and that you never give over, till you have obtained converting Grace from God—Furthermore, I charge you that you chuse death rather than deny Christ in any wise, or in any degree, and that you never turn Papist or Heretick, but serve God in the way you was brought up in: and that you avoid all evil company lest you be led into a snare and temptation—Also be very careful to avoid all excess in drinking, and all other sins and profaneness—And be always dutiful to your mother, and kind to one another—This I leave in charge to all my posterity to the end of the world, charging ev'ry person of them to keep a copy of this my charge to my children—This is my dying charge to my children—

"God grant you so to live and die  
To have the good man's company."

"John Lee."

Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith) Lee survived her husband; and married, secondly, in 1722, John Bates of Groton, Conn., with whom she lived till his death in 1727, when she returned to Lyme, and lived with her children till 1761-62. In that year she died, about ninety years old.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Her gravestone in the East Lyme Cemetery reads as follows: "In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Bates widow, who died December 17, 1761, in the 90<sup>th</sup> year of her age."

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Having thus completed our story of John son of Ensign (or Lieutenant) Thomas Lee, and of descendants of his to the sixth generation, we return to the third generation in descent from our first Thomas, to take up the line of his grandson Thomas (14). This Thomas Lee (or Leigh) was born December 10 (or 20), 1672; married, January 24, 1695, Elizabeth daughter of Henry Graham of Hartford, Conn., and sister of Sarah who married John Marvin (see **Marvin**); and died August 9, 1752. He was a Deputy to the General Court six times, and repeatedly a Justice of the Peace.<sup>32</sup> In the Colonial Records mention is made of

"a petition of Thomas Lee and others, in behalf of themselves and many others, inhabitants in Niantick Quarter in the town of Lyme, praying that they may be discharged from paying anything to the support of the ministry in said town, and that said petitioners may be a distinct society for setting up and supporting gospel-ministry among them."<sup>33</sup>

In May, 1728, Capt. Stephen Prentiss of New London and Mr. Thomas Lee of Lyme were appointed by the Assembly as overseers to the Indians at Niantick, "to take care of their planting ground . . ." and to see that they "have the benefit of planting and gathering the fruits of their labour, without being trespassed upon by their neighbours."<sup>34</sup> In May 1736, the Assembly being informed that the "Nahantick Indians desired their children may be instructed," resolved "that the Colony Treasurer do pay out of the publick treasury, unto Messrs. Thomas Lee of Lyme and Stephen Prentiss of New London, the sum of fifteen pounds . . . and therewith they shall hire some suitable person to instruct the said children to read, and also in the principles of the Christian religion."<sup>35</sup>

<sup>32</sup> The Public Records of the Col. of Conn. . . . 1706-1716 . . . By C. J. Hoadly . . . Hartford, 1870, pp. 450-546.

<sup>33</sup> The Public Records of the Col. of Conn. . . . 1717-1725 . . . By C. J. Hoadly . . . Hartford, 1872, p. 160.

<sup>34</sup> The Public Records of the Col. of Conn. . . . 1726-1735 . . . By C. J. Hoadly . . . Hartford, 1873, p. 176.

<sup>35</sup> The Public Records of the Col. of Conn. . . . 1735-1743 . . . By C. J. Hoadly . . . Hartford, 1874, p. 138.

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The children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Lee were:

- 181        1. *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> born October 22, 1698; who "died unmarried, in an  
advanced age."
- 182        2. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> born April 8, 1701; who married, July 20, 1736,  
Rev. George Griswold, as his second wife; by whom she had four children  
(see **Griswold**); and died August 28, 1758.
- 183        3. *Esther*,<sup>4</sup> born August 18, 1703; who married, October 31, 1722,  
Clement Miner of Lyme; by whom she had several children.
- 184        4. *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> born December 19, 1705; who died October 13 (or  
20), 1733.<sup>36</sup>
- 185        5. *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> born July 7, 1708; who married, June 20, 1732, Jane  
Freeman (or Truman) of New London, Conn.; and died December 13,  
1742. He had several children, one of whom is believed to have been  
186        *Thomas*,<sup>5</sup> born January 3, 1737-38; who married Phoebe Marvin (see  
187        **Marvin**); had *Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> who married Esther Douglas; and died, as  
Niantic records show, March 12, 1812, aged about forty-two years, having  
188        had two daughters, and a son Dr. *Thomas Douglas*<sup>7</sup> Lee, now of East  
Lyme, Conn., formerly of New York, whose wife's maiden-name was  
Henrietta Callista Holman. Another child of Samuel and Jane (Freeman,  
189        or Truman) Lee was *Eunice*,<sup>5</sup> born May 15, 1739-40; who probably  
190        married, November 14, 1776, Richard Sill; and had *Elisha*<sup>6</sup> (b. 1778).
- 191        6. *Eunice*,<sup>4</sup> born September 18, 1711; who married her cousin  
John Lee (see above).
- 192        7. *Elisha*,<sup>4</sup> born March 7, 1714. He served "in the Indian war"  
as Paymaster. A great granddaughter of his writes that her great grand-  
father, having been sentenced to be burned at the stake, a friendly Indian

<sup>36</sup> Our old record says: "died a Bachelor, at an advanced age." But the date of his birth, distinctly given in the records now at North Lyme, compared with a tombstone, in East Lyme, to the memory of "Mr. Thomas Lee" who "died 20 October, 1733, in his 28<sup>th</sup> year," seems to prove either that Rev. Joseph Lee did not mean that this T. L. died an old man, or that he was mistaken as to his age. The identification of this T. L. with Thomas of the tombstone was first suggested by Mr. D. W. Patterson, but without knowledge of the date of his birth.



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took him on his back, at night, when there was snow on the ground, carried him to a river, and leaving him returned alone. As only one set of foot-prints, and those an Indian's, were to be seen, the white man could cross the river without being traced, which he did.

He married, February 25, 1735-36, his cousin Hepzibah Lee; had children who have been enumerated under the mother's name (see above); and died April 17, 1747. His eldest child

1. *Phoebe* (143), born December 19, 1736, "married ——— Reynolds of Norwich, Conn., and had by him two daughters; one of whom married Giles L'Hommedieu, the other died unmarried." His second surviving child was:

2. *Elisha* (144), born March 3, 1740-41; Lieutenant of a company formed at Norwich in 1775, and attached to Col. Parsons's regiment.<sup>27</sup> He married, and had the following children:

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| 193    | (1.) <i>Phoebe</i> , <sup>6</sup> born in May 1762; who married John Lay of Catskill                                      |
| 194    | and Clinton, N. Y.; and had, with several other children: 1. <i>Harriet</i> ; <sup>7</sup>                                |
| 195-96 | who married Hon. Phineas Lyman Tracy (Y. C. 1806) of Batavia, N. Y.;  |
| 197-98 | 2. <i>George Washington</i> ; <sup>7</sup> 3. <i>Juliett</i> ; <sup>7</sup> who married Rev. Henry Axtell of              |
|        | Geneva, N. Y.; and had two sons, <i>Henry</i> <sup>8</sup> and <i>Anthony Dey</i> , <sup>8</sup> both of                  |
|        | whom were graduated at Williams College. Mrs. Phoebe (Lee) Lay died   |
|        | in February 1835 (see <b>Notes on Pedigree of Lay</b> ).  |
| 199    | (2.) <i>Elisha</i> ; <sup>6</sup> of Clinton, N. Y.; who married, and had five sons and                                   |
| 200    | two daughters. His eldest son, <i>Charles</i> , <sup>7</sup> married: first, Elizabeth Gold                               |
| 201    | of Pittsfield, Mass.; and had a son <i>Charles</i> ; <sup>8</sup> who married Catharine                                   |
|        | Henry of Davenport, Iowa; and died in 1856. Charles son of Elisha   |
| 202-03 | married, secondly, Elizabeth Case of Philadelphia, who bore him: 1. <i>James</i>  |
| 204-05 | <i>Case</i> ; <sup>8</sup> 2. <i>William</i> . <sup>8</sup> The second son of Elisha Lee of the sixth genera-             |
| 206    | tion was <i>Enoch</i> ; <sup>7</sup> <sup>28</sup> who died in 1855. His third son was named <i>Elisha</i> . <sup>7</sup> |
|        | His fourth son was <i>William</i> ; <sup>7</sup> who married: first, ——— Glover; and,                                     |

<sup>27</sup> Caulkins's Norwich, ut supra, p. 381.

<sup>28</sup> This may be the Enoch Lee of Clinton, N. Y., who, as Niantic records show, married, November 22, 1835, Mary A. Stillman.

- secondly, ——— Appleton of New York, by whom he had a daughter  
 207 *Harriet*,<sup>8</sup> who married ——— Glover of Goose Creek, S. C. William  
 Lee "died in 1856, on the ocean, in coming to America from London,  
 Engl., where he had lived forty-seven years." The fifth son of Elisha Lee  
 208 of the sixth generation was *Richard*;<sup>7</sup> who married Sarah Sterling of  
 Honeoye Falls, N. Y., and died in 1881.
- 209 (3.) *John Murdock*,<sup>6</sup> "d. September 6, 1829, aged 63 years"—born,  
 therefore, about 1766, who married Anna Beckwith, by whom he had ten  
 children, as follows:
- 210 1. *Nancy*,<sup>7</sup> born November 18, 1789; who married, in 1817, Timothy  
 Pitkin Perkins (b. 1778, d. 1858); and died January 3, 1881. They had  
 211 four children: (1.) *Timothy Pitkin*,<sup>8</sup> born in 1818; who died in 1879;  
 212-13 (2.) *Nathan*,<sup>8</sup> born in 1820; who died in 1865; (3.) *Savilion Lee*,<sup>8</sup>  
 born in 1825; who was killed in the battle of Bristow Station in 1862;  
 214 (4.) *Juliana*,<sup>8</sup> born in 1828; who married Albert Meyer, an army-officer  
 in the late Civil War, promoted to be Major-General immediately after the  
 battle of Gettysburg, and killed in the battle of Antietam.
- 215 2. *John*,<sup>7</sup> "d. Jan. 16, 1875, aged 79 years"—born, therefore, about  
 1796; who married Mary Littlefield Sheffield (b. about 1803); had  
 216 nine children; and died May 27, 1860: (1.) *Mercy Ann*,<sup>8</sup> "d. Dec. 4,  
 217 1865, aged 43 years"—born, therefore, in 1822; (2.) *Nathaniel Sheffield*,<sup>8</sup>  
 born December 23, 1823; who married, December 14, 1847, Sarah Louise  
 218 Caulkins (b. February 22, 1828); (3.) *Savilion*,<sup>8</sup> born February 14, 1827;  
 who married, July 26, 1856, Mary Mehitabel Corwin (b. February 22,  
 219 1832); and died in 1888; (4.) *John*,<sup>8</sup> born January 18, 1829; who  
 married, December 18, 1854, Ellen C. Chapman (b. July 14, 1835);  
 220 (5.) *Edmund Sheffield*,<sup>8</sup> "d. Aug. 2, 1851, aged 20 years"—born, there-  
 221 fore, in 1831; (6.) *Richard Theodore*,<sup>8</sup> "d. October 29, 1867, aged 35"  
 —born, therefore, in 1832; who married, February 3, 1858, Celia A. Waite  
 222 (b. March 4, 1840); (7.) *Mary Frances*,<sup>8</sup> born May 6, 1838; who  
 married, November 24, 1859, George Miles (b. February 25, 1838);  
 223 (8.) *George William*,<sup>8</sup> born April 19, 1840; who married, March 30,

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- 224 1868, Harriet Agnes Chappell (b. May 9, 1845); (9.) *Margaret Ellen*,<sup>8</sup> born April 6, 1845; who married: first, Edgar Conkling; and, secondly, October 9, 1879, Frank Joseph King.

The third child of John Murdock (209) and Anna (Beckwith) Lee was:

- 225 3. *Savilion*,<sup>7</sup> "d. November 5, 1824, aged 28 years"—born, therefore, in 1796; who married, in 1820, Lucy D. Goodwin.
- 226 4. *Julia*,<sup>7</sup> born April 7, 1799; who married, October 8, 1818, John Salter (b. November 5, 1789, d. April 17, 1863); and died in 1853. Her
- 227-28 children were: (1.) *Julia Lee*,<sup>8</sup> born January 13, 1820; (2.) *William*,<sup>8</sup>
- 229 born February 18, 1822; who died November 6, 1863; (3.) *John Thomas*,<sup>8</sup>
- 230-31 born March 9, 1824; (4.) *Edwin*,<sup>8</sup> born June 4, 1826; (5.) *Charles*,<sup>8</sup> born
- 232 December 23, 1827; (6.) *Sarah Anna*,<sup>8</sup> born May 26, 1830; (7.) *Abbie*
- 233-34 *Elizabeth*,<sup>8</sup> born September 17, 1832; (8.) *George Washington*,<sup>8</sup> born April 8, 1839; who died young.
- 235 5. *Elisha*,<sup>7</sup> born in 1800; who married, May 10, 1829, Lucy D. (Goodwin) Lee (b. Sept. 1, 1798, d. May 20, 1863), widow of his brother
- 236 *Savilion*; and died May 23, 1861, having had four children, as follows:
- 237-38 1. *Sarah Helen*,<sup>8</sup> born April 2, 1830; who died in infancy; (2.) *Harriet Maria*,<sup>8</sup> born April 30, 1832; who died in infancy; (3.) *Henrietta*,<sup>8</sup> born
- 239 February 6, 1834; who married, June 2, 1855, Dr. John W. Palmer; both she and her husband are known as authors; (4.) *Lucy Ellen*,<sup>8</sup> born July 11, 1836; who married, August 26, 1861, John A. Hardenbrook.

We take pleasure in inserting, here, some extracts from a recent letter (February 19, 1888) of Mrs. Palmer to her cousin Mrs. N. S. Lee of Lyme:

" . . . I fear you will be disappointed with the very meagre contribution I am able to make. Being born and brought up in Baltimore we had little personal interest in these family-matters, and our mother was reticent on the subject, being very sensitive, as we afterward learned, on the subject of her marriage to *two brothers*, about which the old English prejudice obtained in her day. Then, while we were

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still young girls (I was just married), a disastrous fire in our father's factory destroyed many old books and papers stored there—the only family-record that we have is a scorched page taken out of an old Bible saved from that fire. . . .

"In some notes on the *Leigh* family in Burke's Peerage or Baronetage, we were struck with the fact that the name of the estate is *Lyme*. Is this the family from which the original Thomas Lee came? The *coat of arms* would prove that. I asked Aunt Abigail particularly about the *Gardiner* family of whom aunt Nancy used to tell me. She visited 'Aunt Gardiner,' when a girl, on Gardiner's Island, and described to me the life they led there, everything managed in old English style. I have always supposed this 'Aunt Gardiner' to have been a sister of our Grandfather Lee. When young girls, we met Mrs. Tyler, wife of the President, on board a steamer going to Old Point Comfort, Va., and were introduced to her by our father as her cousins: she, as you know of course, was the charming Miss Julia Gardiner, whose town-residence must have been within a few doors of this house, on Washington Square, at that time the most fashionable quarter of the city. Aunt Abigail could tell me nothing. I presume, too, you know of a certain Miss Lois Lee, of whom I heard, when a child, that she was a famous beauty, and had been presented at . . . Court, and mentioned in the *Court Journal*. . . .

"Aunt Nancy used to charge me 'never to forget' something about the first President of Yale, of course I *did* forget. Had he some connection with our family? Ellie had a most valuable and interesting paper, a record that she took down from Aunt Nancy's lips, but very unfortunately she neglected to take a copy of it for me, and lost the one *she* had.

"If anything *personal* is desired, relative to myself or husband, there is mention of our names in Allibone's Dictionary of Authors, and in Johnson's Encyclopædia; though at the date of those notices our latest books were not mentioned: my 'Home-Life' and my husband's novel 'After His Kind.' . . . We feel a little proud that we both enjoyed the educational advantages of the Patapsco Institute in Maryland, presided over by Mrs. Phelps the accomplished sister of the eminent Mrs. Willard of Troy. I have a delightful letter written to me by Mrs. Phelps in her 92<sup>d</sup> year, on receipt of my 'Home-Life in the Bible.' She never lost her interest in us as her pupils.

". . . I will simply add that Ellie tells me that uncle Huntington was a prisoner in Libby Prison, or the one at Salisbury, N. C., for a long time. While there, I am glad to record, he engaged upon a good work among his fellow-prisoners, and was the means of converting many. While still a young man he was

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called '*The Deacon*,' I remember. On his return to Washington he was given an appointment in the Navy Yard, where on board ship he met with a serious accident (a fall through a hatchway) from which he never entirely recovered. It is presumable that he died and was buried in Washington."

240           6. *Edwin*,<sup>7</sup> born July 25, 1802; who married, October 16, 1825,  
241 Abigail Ames (b. March 27, 1807); and had: (1.) *Mary Eliza*,<sup>8</sup> who mar-  
242 ried, August 12, 1848, Louis Mix; and (2.) *Charles Edwin*,<sup>8</sup> who married,  
in May 1858, Elizabeth Russell.

243           7. *Orlando E.*<sup>7</sup> born January 23, 1808 (d. April 16, 1859); who  
married, January 1, 1833, Lydia Allen Miller (b. November 22, 1807); and  
244 had: *Herman Frederic*,<sup>8</sup> born August 31, 1835; who married, Febru-  
ary 5, 1863, Hadassah N. Elder (b. May 19, 1842); and died Septem-  
ber 15, 1864.

245           8. *Theodore*,<sup>7</sup> "d. June 4, 1848, aged 38"—born, therefore, in 1810;  
who married, March 27, 1836, Amelia Morgan (b. March 29, 1813, d.  
246 November 22, 1872); by whom he had: (1.) *Amelia M.*,<sup>8</sup> born October 23,  
1837; who married, January 15, 1863, G. W. L. Benedict; and (2.) *Jen-*  
247 *nie G.*,<sup>8</sup> born May 26, 1847; who married, April 29, 1874, Charles W.  
Simpson; and died March 19, 1886.

248           9. *Abel Huntington*.<sup>7</sup> This youngest son of John M. and Anna  
(Beckwith) Lee married a lady of Washington, D. C. He served in the  
Union Army in 1861, was sent into the Confederate lines for observations,  
taken prisoner, and confined for about nine months, after which he was  
returned to his family in Washington; but he did not long survive the  
hardships of his imprisonment.

249           10. *Abby Frances*,<sup>7</sup> "d. Oct. 2, 1843;" who married, in December  
1839, Sherlock Hubbard Bishop (b. November 17, 1817); by whom she  
250 had: *Fredrick William*,<sup>8</sup> born October 12, 1840; who married, in  
December 1859, Mary Abigail Botsford.

The fourth child of Elisha (144) Lee of the fifth generation was :

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- 251           (4.) *Enoch*;<sup>6</sup> Captain Enoch; who married, January 20, 1793,  
Hester Caulkins.
- 252           (5.) *James*;<sup>6</sup> a physician of New London, Conn., and Newark, N. J.;  
who married: first, September 30, 1793, Hepzibah Lord (see **Lord**);  
and, secondly, Gertrude Mercer of Newark, N. J. By his first marriage  
253 he had: 1. Dr. *Enoch Ladd*,<sup>7</sup> born November 1, 1775; who died s. p.;  
254 2. *Harriet*,<sup>7</sup> born February 9, 1797; who died February 3, 1844 (see  
255 **Lord**); 3. *George William*,<sup>7</sup> born November 8, 1801. By his second  
256 marriage he had *Gertrude Mercer*,<sup>7</sup> born in 1810; who became the wife  
of Robert Henry McCurdy (see **MacCurdy**).
- 257           (6.) *Jonathan*;<sup>6</sup> Captain Jonathan; who married, April 15, 1850,  
258 Mary Tracy; and had one child, *Eliza*;<sup>7</sup> who married John W. Bulkeley  
of Norwich, Conn., and had three daughters.
- 259           (7.) *George Washington*,<sup>6</sup> born July 4, 1776; Captain George W. Lee;  
who married: first, October 2, 1802, Lois Fitch, a niece of Mr. Asa Fitch  
of Norwich, Conn., the head of an eminent banking-house at Marseilles,  
260 France; by whom he had one daughter, *Lois Fitch*,<sup>7</sup> born August 15, 1803;  
who married, May 11, 1830, Luther P. Sargeant of Hartford, Conn.;  
and died April 6, 1886; her husband died January 25, 1866. Capt. Lee  
261 married, secondly, Mary Nesbitt, by whom he had one child, *George W.*<sup>7</sup> Jr.,  
who died in 1862; and, thirdly, Susan (Fitch) Randall, his first wife's  
sister, by whom he had, beside one son who died in infancy: 1. *Asa*  
262 *Fitch*,<sup>7</sup> born October 29, 1813; who died in childhood; 2. *William*  
263 *Douglas*,<sup>7</sup> born November 3, 1815; who married Ophelia Morgan of  
264-65 Galveston, Texas; had two children: *James Morgan*<sup>8</sup> and *Ellen*,<sup>8</sup> and died  
January 18, 1861. James Morgan (264) Lee married Annie Huntington  
of Norwich, Conn.; they have one son, and are living at Pittsfield, Mass.  
Ellen (265) Lee married Charles Mason of Galveston; they have one son,  
266-67 *Huntington*;<sup>9</sup> 3. *Robert Montgomery*,<sup>7</sup> born May 20, 1817; who died  
young; he was killed by Comanche Indians, in Texas, October 30, 1838;  
268 4. *Susanna Frances*,<sup>7</sup> born August 20, 1819; who married, September 18,

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269-70 1844, Royal Davis Jennings of Milwaukee, Wisc., and had two children :  
*Robert Lee*<sup>8</sup> and *Fanny Fitch*.<sup>8</sup> Her husband died February 1, 1867.

271 Mrs. Sargeant, eldest child of Capt. George W. Lee, went with her  
 uncle Asa Fitch to France, and was presented to Charles X. Both there  
 and in this country she was much admired for her beauty, elegance and  
 vivacity. She and her son *George Douglas*<sup>8</sup> (born in 1831, d. in 1887)  
 left generous bequests to public objects.

Capt. George W. Lee died December 30, 1849, aged seventy-three  
 years.

272 (8.) *Richard*;<sup>6</sup> who followed the sea. He figured in the victory of  
 McDonough on Lake Erie, cutting a rope in the engagement, in doing  
 which he "had to swim with a penknife in his mouth."

273 (9.) *Frances*;<sup>6</sup> who married Dr. Huntington of Long Island.

274 (10.) *Abby*;<sup>6</sup> who married Abraham Gardiner of Long Island, after-  
 wards of New Hartford, Oneida co., N. Y., second cousin to the seventh  
 Proprietor of the Manor of Gardiner's Island; by whom she had :  
 275-77 1. *James L.*;<sup>7</sup> 2. *Samuel S.*,<sup>7</sup> who married Elizabeth Nicoll; 3. *Mary F.*,<sup>7</sup>  
 278 who married Robert Hazard; 4. *Gertrude M.*,<sup>7</sup> who married J. Alien  
 279-81 Sherrill; 5. *Harriet L.*;<sup>7</sup> 6. *Abraham S.*;<sup>7</sup> 7. *Juliett L.*<sup>7</sup>

The third surviving child of Elisha (192) and Hepzibah (Lee) Lee,  
 of the fourth generation, was :

3. *Seth* (145), born July 25, 1743; who married, February 19, 1769,  
 Betsey Smith; and had, with other children :

282 (1.) *Hepzibah*;<sup>6</sup> born in February 1772; who married, November 13,  
 1798, Nathan son of Deborah (Griswold) Jewett, a daughter of Judge  
 John and Hannah (Lee) Griswold (see **Griswold**).

283 (2.) *Seth*<sup>6</sup> (see below).

284 (3.) *Betsy*,<sup>6</sup> born September 26, 1779; who married James Forsyth.

285 (4.) *Abby*<sup>6</sup> (or Nabby), born August 6, 1781; who married Alfred  
 Wells of Utica, N. Y.

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- 286 (5.) *Richard*,<sup>8</sup> born October 16, 1783.
- 287 (6.) *Polly*,<sup>6</sup> born September 21, 1786.
- 288 (7.) *Cate*,<sup>6</sup> born September 30, 1788; who died in infancy.
- 289 (8.) *Anne*,<sup>6</sup> born May 2, 1792.

Rev. Seth (283) Lee, born September 6, 1777, was Acting Pastor and Pastor of the Congregational church on Grassy Hill, Lyme, for eighteen years.

"He first made profession of his faith in Christ by uniting with a Baptist church on Niantic Hill, but soon after joined the Congregational church of North Lyme, then without a pastor. About this time a meeting-house was partly built on Grassy Hill, and occupied in its unfinished state, with only temporary seats and a work-bench for pulpit. Here he preached with great acceptance and success, for nine years, before receiving ordination. Then a Council was called to examine Mr. Lee as a candidate for ordination; which, being satisfied of his fitness, ordained and set him over the infant-church as their Pastor. In that relation he continued to preach and minister for nine years more, when he signified his willingness to retire. Within one week after this 'he was not, for God took him;' he died on a Saturday night, without any long illness. The Master came and called him."

He married Mary Ann Hill, of Lyme, an aunt of Rev. W. H. Hill, author of our "Genealogical Table," and had:

- 290 1. *Christopher Hill*,<sup>7</sup> born January 13, 1799; who married: first,  
December 19, 1822, Elizabeth Ely Tiffany; and, secondly, in 1836, Susan  
M. Howe; and died February 27, 1840. By his first marriage there were
- 291 six children: (1.) *Seth Tiffany*,<sup>8</sup> born March 12, 1824; who died in
- 292-93 infancy; (2.) *Henry Stanwood*<sup>8</sup> (see below); (3.) *Lucretia Corning*,<sup>8</sup>
- 294 born in July 1827; who died in childhood; (4.) *Seth*,<sup>8</sup> born October 19,  
1829; who married, in October 1859, Ellen Clarissa Chapman; and had,
- 295 beside two daughters who died in infancy, a son *Walter Hill*,<sup>9</sup> born
- 296 August 27, 1862; (5.) *Joseph Ely*,<sup>8</sup> born March 21, 1832; who died
- 297 March 16, 1855; (6.) *Elizabeth Tiffany*,<sup>8</sup> born July 10, 1834; who mar-  
ried, January 10, 1854, Miner Hallock Gillette, and had seven children:



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- 298-99 1. *Rosetta*,<sup>9</sup> born April 29, 1859 ; 2. *Annie Lee*,<sup>9</sup> born December 31, 1861 ;  
 300-01 3. *Wilbert Hallock*,<sup>9</sup> born April 20, 1864 ; 4. *Richard Lee*,<sup>9</sup> born August 23,  
 302-03 1865 ; 5. *Walter Miner*,<sup>9</sup> born August 23, 1869 ; 6. *Katie Nichols*,<sup>9</sup> born  
 304 November 7, 1871 ; 7. *Florence Lucretia*,<sup>9</sup> born September 17, 1874.

Henry Stanwood (292) Lee was born August 18, 1825 ; married,  
 305 November 3, 1850, Elizabeth Royce ; and had : (1.) *Hattie Emma*,<sup>9</sup> born  
 306 July 13, 1853 ; (2.) *Joseph Henry*,<sup>9</sup> born June 2, 1855 ; who married  
 307 Fannie Eudora Marvin (see **Marvin**) ; (3.) *Sarah Lizzie*,<sup>9</sup> born July 1,  
 308-09 1859 ; (4.) *Richard William*,<sup>9</sup> born June 9, 1861 ; (5.) *Mary*,<sup>9</sup> born  
 August 23, 1863 ; who died in childhood. Henry Stanwood Lee, the father  
 of these five children, died February 28, 1867 ; and his widow afterwards  
 married Frederick William Marvin, father of his daughter-in-law Fannie.

The second child of Rev. Seth (283) and Mary Ann (Hill) Lee was :  
 310 2. *Seth Smith*,<sup>7</sup> born October 17, 1800 ; who married, February 28,  
 311 1848, Charlotte J. Warren ; had two children : 1. *Ella Jane*,<sup>8</sup> born Decem-  
 312 ber 24, 1848 ; 2. *Mary Ann*,<sup>8</sup> born May 17, 1854 ; who died in infancy ;  
 and died May 2, 1884.

The third child of Rev. Seth and Mary Ann (Hill) Lee was :  
 313 3. *Eliza Ann*,<sup>7</sup> born August 20, 1802 ; who died March 28, 1858.  
 314 4. *Elizabeth Smith*,<sup>7</sup> born December 19, 1804 ; who married, January 2,  
 1825, George Reed Peck ; and died June 25, 1881.  
 315 5. *Richard William*,<sup>7</sup> Deacon Richard William Lee ; born October 31,  
 1806 ; who married, June 9, 1840, Betsey Chapman.  
 316 6. *Abby Wells*,<sup>7</sup> born March 23, 1809 ; who married, September 12,  
 1832, Reuben Lord Hall ; and died February 11, 1875.  
 317 7. *Mary Ann*,<sup>7</sup> born August 14, 1811 ; who married, June 5, 1839,  
 Henry Brewer ; and died May 9, 1880.  
 318 8. *Roxanna Hill*,<sup>7</sup> born April 12, 1815 ; who married, October 15,  
 1841, John B. Wells ; and died January 10, 1879.

The fourth surviving child of Elisha (192) and Hepzibah (Lee) Lee, of the fourth generation, was :

4. *Kate* (146), born September 8, 1745; who married, February 14, 1765, Elijah Ely of Lyme, and had :

- 319 (1.) *Phoebe*,<sup>6</sup> (see below).
- 320 (2.) *Elijah*,<sup>6</sup> born April 10, 1769; who married Barbara Bain of Nova Scotia; and died, wrecked in Long Island Sound, March 10, 1815.
- 321 (3.) *Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> born April 26, 1771; who married Elizabeth Smith.
- 322 (4.) *Kate*,<sup>6</sup> born May 5, 1774; who married Rufus Perry of Nova Scotia; and died about 1848.
- 323 (5.) *Hannah*,<sup>6</sup> born May 12, 1776; who married Ammi Ely.
- 324 (6.) *Hepzibah*,<sup>6</sup> born July 22, 1780; who married Elisha Brockway.

Phoebe (319) Ely, born May 10, 1766, married, September 20, 1790, Calvin Selden of Lyme; and died October 15, 1853.

"Mr. Selden lived for more than twenty years after his marriage in a house built by his father, Ezra Selden, on a cross-road in that part of North Lyme which is called Hamburg. It was a large, double house painted white, and is still standing in good repair, the residence of Mr. Tiffany. Here 'Squire' and Mrs. Selden dispensed old-fashioned hospitality, and lived so as to win the sincerest respect of all their neighbors. There were plenty of books in their house, and their children grew up with far more than the ordinary education of farmers' sons and daughters. Scarcely any person of education or distinction passed through that part of Lyme without stopping at their house; and to this day their descendants need no other introduction, in Lyme, than to say 'Squire Calvin Selden was my grandfather.' About the time of the War of 1812 Mr. Selden lost much of his property, and was obliged to sell his house, buying, however, a pleasant home some three or four miles further north. Here he lived some years longer, and here he died October 28, 1820. Most of his children went to Rochester, N. Y., and thither Mrs. Selden accompanied her sons. As an old lady she was of singular grace and dignity, and was always prepared with a witty reply when there was occasion for it. One day several of her grandchildren put on masks, and ran into her room 'to see what grandma would say.' The dear old lady instantly remarked: 'My dear grandchildren, you grow

handsomer and handsomer every day.' So thoughtful was she of others, that when dying she told one of her grandsons to 'begin a letter to your mother, and say I am very sick—you can finish it afterwards!'"

Their children were :

- 325        1. *Roxana*,<sup>7</sup> born May 19, 1791; who married: first, January 4,  
1812, Morrison Jack of Fifeshire, Scotland, a West India planter;  
and, secondly, August 20, 1837, William Clark Fraser (Coll. N. J.
- 326        1797) District Judge of the Territory of Wisconsin; 2. *Ezra*,<sup>7</sup> born  
August 17, 1793; who "was in the service of the United States . . .  
in the war of 1812," and was accidentally shot, August 16, 1814; he
- 327        died unmarried; 3. *Elizabeth*,<sup>7</sup> born April 18, 1796; who married: first,  
September 24, 1818, Joseph Spencer (Y. C. 1811), a lawyer of much  
prominence in Rochester, N. Y., and Senator of the State of New York
- 328        when he died; by whom she had one child, *Elizabeth Selden*,<sup>8</sup> born  
December 5, 1819; who married, in 1851, Elisha Colt of Hartford.  
Elizabeth Selden married, secondly, April 21, 1831, Lieutenant, afterwards  
Commissary General, Amos Beebe Eaton, U. S. A., son of the well known  
botanist Prof. Amos Eaton by Sarah Cady; by whom she had three children :
- 329-30    (1.) *Ellen Dwight*,<sup>8</sup> born March 19, 1832; (2.) *Daniel Cady*,<sup>8</sup> born  
September 12, 1834; graduated at Yale in 1857; now Professor of Botany  
in Yale University; who married, February 13, 1866, Caroline Ketcham;
- 331        (3.) *Frances Spencer*,<sup>8</sup> born July 18, 1836; who married, October 15, 1861,  
Charles Atwood White, son of Henry and Martha (Sherman) White, of  
New Haven.

- The fourth child of Calvin and Phoebe (Ely) Selden was: 4. *Samuel*
- 332        *Lec*,<sup>7</sup> born October 12, 1800; who married, July 27, 1831, Susan Matilda  
daughter of Dr. Levi and Mehitable (Hand) Ward of Genesee county,  
N. Y. They settled at Rochester, N. Y., where he died, September 20,  
1876. He was a distinguished lawyer, and became Judge of the Supreme  
Court of the State of New York, and Judge of the Court of Appeals;
  - 333        5. *Almira*,<sup>7</sup> born September 20, 1803; who married, May 28, 1826,

334 Nathaniel Almora Bacon of New Haven; and had several daughters, of  
 1835 whom the only one who survived her youth was *Susan*,<sup>8</sup> born August 11,  
 1835; who married, October 7, 1857, Rev. Dr. Leonard Woolsey Bacon,  
 336 lately of Norwich, Conn.; and died May 23, 1887, at Savannah, Ga., leav-  
 337 ing a large family of children; her second son is Rev. Benjamin Wisner<sup>9</sup>  
 Bacon, lately of Lyme, Conn., now of Oswego, N. Y., whose wife, Eliza  
 Buckingham<sup>9</sup> (Aiken), being a granddaughter of Gov. Buckingham, is also  
 of Lee descent (see above); 6. *Henry Rogers*,<sup>7</sup> born October 14, 1805; who  
 married, September 25, 1834, Laura Anne Baldwin. He was an eminent  
 lawyer of the State of New York, and Judge of the Court of Appeals. In  
 1856 he was chosen Lieut.-Governor of New York, and in 1858 received  
 from Yale the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He died September 18,  
 1885, at Rochester, N. Y.

“When a mere lad he distinguished himself by building a road through a piece  
 of swampy woods which every one had declared absolutely impassible. The road is  
 still a good one, and leads from the residence of Rev. Dr. Burr to Bill Hill. A few  
 years before his death Mr. Selden had occasion to pass over this very road, and then  
 told the story of its construction. If he had not been a lawyer, he would have been a  
 mechanical engineer of the very highest character. His sons inherited much of his  
 mechanical ingenuity.”

338 A daughter of Judge H. R. Selden, *Julia Clark*,<sup>8</sup> is the wife of  
 Theodore Bacon Esq. of Rochester, N. Y. His youngest son, *Samuel*  
 339 *Lee*,<sup>8</sup> who died in 1859, at the early age of twenty-eight years, is said to  
 have inherited, “from father and uncle alike, an inclination and aptitude  
 for the profession in which they had both attained the highest eminence:”  
 which were united in him, also, with “a singular refinement and gentleness  
 of disposition,” together with graces distinctively Christian.<sup>39</sup>

“Calvin Selden’s three daughters were great beauties in their youth, and were  
 all fine-looking ladies even when aged women. Not long ago an old man in Lyme

<sup>39</sup> Calvin Selden of Lyme, and his children . . . By Daniel C. Eaton, New Haven, 1877. Calvin  
 Selden was descended from Mary Marvin, daughter of the first Matthew of Hartford, being a grandson  
 of Dr. Theophilus Rogers Sen’r and Elizabeth Hyde; of whom the latter was a granddaughter of  
 Richard Bushnell, son of Mary (Marvin) Bushnell (see *Marvin*).

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stopped one of the children of Elizabeth, and said with great emphasis, as if it were the mature conclusion of the thoughts of a life-time : ' They used to talk a great deal about the beauty of *Roxy* and of *Myra*, but I always thought *Betsey* was decidedly the handsomest.' "

Prof. Eaton, to whom we are indebted for the foregoing pleasant traditions of his grandparents, uncles, aunts and mother, adds this of his mother :

" My mother has often told me of reading such writers as Junius, Bolingbroke, Addison and Johnson in her father's house. She would, when an old lady, repeat page after page of ' Marmion ' and ' The Lady of the Lake,' and repeat them with graceful elocution, too. She had learned them in her childhood."

Having thus completed what we had to say of the children of Ensign (or Lieutenant) Thomas (11) Lee by his first marriage, and of some of their descendants to the ninth generation, we now return to enumerate the children born to him by his second marriage, and to follow out some lines of descent from them.

Thomas and Mary (DeWolf) Lee had children as follows :

- 340 i. *Phoebe*,<sup>3</sup> born August 14, 1677 ; who married Capt. Reinold  
Marvin (see **Marvin**).
- 341 ii. *Mary*,<sup>3</sup> born April 23, 1679 ; who married : first, Joseph Beckwith  
of Lyme, Conn. ; by whom she had ten children ; and, secondly, —  
Sterling.
- 342 iii. *Elizabeth*,<sup>3</sup> born October 20, 1681 ; who married Samuel Peck of  
343 Lyme ; and had children by him. Her son *William*<sup>4</sup> married Jemima  
Marvin, niece of Capt. Reinold (see **Marvin**).
- 344 iv. *William*<sup>3</sup> (see below).
- 345 v. *Stephen*,<sup>3</sup> born June 27, 1686 ; who died in childhood.
- 346 vi. *Joseph*<sup>3</sup> Lee (or Leigh), born May 14, 1688 ; who died January 19,  
1704-05.
- 347 vii. *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> born October 8, 1690 ; who died in infancy.

- 348 viii. *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup> 2d Lee (or Leigh), born December 22, 1692.  
 349 ix. *Hannah*<sup>3</sup> born February 25, 1694-95; who married, June 23,  
 1713, Judge John Griswold (see **Griswold**); and died May 11, 1773.  
 350 x. *Stephen*<sup>3</sup> 2d (see below).  
 351 xi. *Lydia*<sup>3</sup> born February 18, 1701-02; who died unmarried.

William (344) Lee (or Leigh), born April 7, 1684, married, November 1, 1715, Mary Griffin of Long Island; by whom he had, with other children:

- 352 1. *Ezra*<sup>4</sup> born January 7, 1716-17; who married, October 9, 1740, Rebecca Southworth of Lyme; and had several children. One of his daughters married: first, Rev. Richard Crouch Graham of Pelham, Mass.; and, secondly, — King of Palmer, Mass. Another daughter married Rev. Moses Baldwin of Palmer.  
 353 2. *Lydia*<sup>4</sup> born March 2, 1718-19; who married, October 13, 1737, Uriah Rowland of Lyme; and left children.  
 354 3. *Abner*<sup>4</sup> 2d (see below).  
 355 4. *Azuboth*<sup>4</sup> (or Azubah), born April 24, 1729; who married: first, June 19, 1751, Daniel DeWolf (see **Notes on the Family of DeWolf**); by whom she had: 1. *Elias*<sup>5</sup> born May 18, 1752; and  
 356 2. *Daniel*<sup>5</sup> born 1753, a posthumous child. Daniel DeWolf died  
 357 October 10, 1752; and his widow married, in 1764, Joseph Sill; by whom she had: 1. *Azubah*<sup>5</sup> born in 1766, who married Capt. Cullick Ely  
 358 of Lyme; 2. *Joseph Lee*<sup>5</sup> born in 1768; 3. *Phoebe*<sup>5</sup> born in 1770; who  
 359-60 married Capt. Dudley Sterling of Lyme.  
 361 5. *Cyrus*<sup>4</sup> (on record, "Cylus,"), born February 26, 1731-32; who married Mary Huntley of Lyme; and died in 1806.

Abner (354) son of William and Mary (Griffin) Lee, born October 26, 1726, is known as Captain Abner Lee. He married: first, August 13, 1747, Elizabeth Lee his first cousin once removed (see above); by whom he had: 1. *Ezra*<sup>5</sup> (see below); 2. *Lucinda*<sup>5</sup> born January 16, 1752; who

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married: first, October 17, 1771, Capt. Elias Mather of East Haddam (or Lyme), Conn.; and, secondly, Dea. Basil Beckwith of Millington, Conn.; 3. *Lydia*,<sup>5</sup> born August 1, 1754; who died in infancy; 4. *Dan*,<sup>5</sup> born February 6, 1757; who married: first, November 25, 1779, Lurania (or Lurana) Champlin; and had: (1.) *Silas Champlin*,<sup>6</sup> born August 9, 1780; who died in infancy; (2.) *Lurana*,<sup>6</sup> born July 2, 1782. Lurania (Champlin) Lee, died May 14, 1783; and Dan Lee married, secondly, February 29, 1784, Mrs. Abigail (or Nabby) (—) Champlin; and, thirdly, a widow Goold (or Gold); 5. *John*,<sup>5</sup> born April 6, 1759; who died in infancy; 6. *Abner*,<sup>5</sup> born May 26, 1763; who married — Griffin; 7. *John Allen*,<sup>5</sup> born May 26, 1765; a physician in Clinton, N. Y.; who married — Stotenburg (or Stoutenburgh); 8. *Clarissa*,<sup>5</sup> born January 27, 1769; who died in infancy.

The first wife of Capt. Abner (354) Lee having died November 2, 1781, he married, secondly, March 5, 1782, Lucretia (Rogers) Jewett, daughter of the elder Dr. Theophilus Rogers, by whom he had one daughter, *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born January 1, 1783; who married Nathan Bingham; a daughter of this Elizabeth married Ralph Metcalf, who was afterwards Governor of New Hampshire. The second wife of Capt. Abner Lee survived him several years, and died nearly one hundred years old. On her tombstone is the following inscription:

“In Memory of Mrs. Lucretia Lee, Born May 15, 1740, died Jan. 18, 1836, in her 96th year. She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness.”<sup>40</sup>

Ezra (362) the eldest child of Capt. Abner and Elizabeth (Lee) Lee, born January 21, 1748–49, and known as Capt. Ezra Lee, became distinguished for heroic devotion to his country in the Revolutionary War, in accepting the perilous enterprise of exploding a submarine torpedo

<sup>40</sup> From W. T. R. Marvin; who informs us that her first husband was Capt. Joseph Jewett, said to have been killed in August 1776 by a Hessian who stabbed him with his own sword, after his Regiment had surrendered. Capt. Abner Lee, her second husband, died in 1809, aged eighty-three.

under British ships in the harbor of New York—"the only man of whom it can be said that he fought the enemy upon land, upon water, *and under the water.*" We reproduce here the substance of an account of this enterprise, copied by Rev. W. H. Hill in his "Genealogical Table" from the "New York Commercial Advertiser" of Nov. 15, 1821, in connection with an announcement of the death of Capt. Ezra Lee on the 29th of October previous :

"When the British fleet lay in the North River, opposite to the city of New York, and while Gen. Washington had possession of the city, he was very desirous to be rid of such neighbors. A Mr. Bushnell of Saybrook, Conn., who had the genius of a Fulton, constructed a submarine machine, of a conical form, bound together with iron bands, within which one person might sit, and with crank and sculls could navigate it to any depth under water. In the upper part was affixed a vertical screw for the purpose of penetrating ships' bottoms, and to this was attached a magazine of powder, within which was a clock, which, on being set to run any given time, would, when run down, spring a gunlock, and an explosion would follow. This Marine Turtle, so called, was examined by Gen. Washington, and approved; to preserve secrecy, it was experimented with in an enclosed yard, in twenty to thirty feet water, and kept during daylight locked in a vessel's hold. The brother of the inventor was to be the person to navigate the machine into action, but on sinking it the first time he declined the service.

"Gen. Washington, unwilling to relinquish the object, requested Major General Parsons to select a person, in whom he could confide, voluntarily to engage in the enterprise; the latter, being well acquainted with the heroic spirit, the patriotism and the firm and steady courage of the deceased above mentioned, immediately communicated the plan and the offer, which he accepted, observing that his life was at Gen. Washington's service. After practising the machine until he understood its powers of balancing and moving under water, a night was fixed upon for the attempt. Gen. Washington and his associates in the secret took their stations upon the roof of a house in Broadway, anxiously waiting the result. Morning came, and no intelligence could be had of the intrepid submarine navigator, nor could the boat which attended him give any account of him, after parting with him the first part of the night. While these anxious spectators were about to give him up as lost, several barges were seen to start suddenly from Governor's Island, then in possession of the British, and proceed towards some object near the Asia ship of the line; as suddenly



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they were seen to put about, and steer for the island with springing oars. In two or three minutes an explosion took place from the surface of the water, resembling a water spout, which aroused the whole city and region; the enemy's ships took the alarm—signals were rapidly given—the ships cut their cables, and proceeded to the Hook with all possible despatch, sweeping their bottoms with chains, and with difficulty prevented their affrighted crews from leaping overboard.

“During this scene of consternation, the deceased came to the surface, opened the brass head of his aquatic machine, rose up, and gave a signal for the boat to come to him; but they could not reach him until he again descended under water, to avoid the enemy's shot from the island, who had discovered him, and commenced firing in his wake. Having forced himself against a strong current under water until without the reach of shot, he was taken in tow, and landed at the Battery amidst a great crowd, and reported himself to General Washington, who expressed his entire satisfaction that the object was effected without the loss of lives. The deceased was under the Asia's bottom more than two hours, endeavoring to penetrate her copper, but in vain. He frequently came up under her stern galleries, searching for exposed plank, and could hear the sentinels cry. Once he was discovered by the watch on deck, and heard them speculate upon him, but concluded a drifted log had paid them a visit. He returned to her keel, and examined it fore and aft, and then proceeded to some other ships; but to the impossibility of penetrating their copper, for want of a resisting power, hundreds owed their lives. The longest space of time he could remain under water was two hours. For a particular description of this submarine curiosity, see Silliman's Journal of Arts and Sciences.

“The deceased, during the war, ever had the confidence and esteem of the commander-in-chief, and was frequently employed by him on secret missions of importance. He fought with him at Trenton and Monmouth; at Brandywine the hilt of his sword was shot away, and his hat and coat were penetrated with the enemy's balls. On the return of peace, he laid aside the habiliments of war, and returned to his farm, where, like Cincinnatus, he tilled his lands, until now called by the great Commander-in-Chief to the regions above. He died without an enemy; he was universally beloved. The suavity of his manners, evenness of temper, and correctness of principles, were proverbial, and pleasing to all his acquaintance. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens to an extent almost unparalleled. His desk was the repository of deeds, contracts and other evidences of property, as well as the widow's and orphan's wealth, for safe keeping. He constantly read the papers of the day, and was by many considered a political prophet. His Christian and moral life was sternly strict—his Bible his guide and rule of action. ‘To do unto others as he

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would they should do unto him,' was his universal maxim and rule of life. His benevolence and charity were only circumscribed by his means. Contented and happy, he was an example of the great blessings which flow from the perfect enjoyment of life, regulated by Christian and moral virtue. He has left a widow, with whom he has lived fifty-one years, and a numerous offspring, to mourn the loss of one of the best of men."

Capt. Ezra Lee married, November 14, 1771, Deborah Mather of Lyme, by whom he had, beside children who died in infancy or childhood: (1.) *Samuel Holden Parsons*,<sup>6</sup> born August 5, 1772, and named for his father's second cousin Major-General Samuel Holden Parsons (see **Criswold**); an eminent physician of New London, Conn., "to whose lot it fell, alone and unassisted, to combat the fury of the dreadful pestilence" of the yellow fever prevailing in New London in 1798.<sup>11</sup> He married Elizabeth daughter of John Sullivan, Purser of the 'Cygnet,' a British vessel stationed at New London,<sup>12</sup> and had children as follows: 1. *John Sullivan*,<sup>7</sup> who died in 1819, unmarried; 2. *Henry Sullivan*,<sup>7</sup> graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1823; who married Mrs. Elizabeth McKinstry; and had eight children, of whom one was the late *Henry Clay*<sup>8</sup> Lee Esq., an enthusiastic explorer of Lee archives in England; 3. *Elizabeth Chapman*;<sup>7</sup> 4. *Sarah Taber*;<sup>7</sup> who died unmarried; 5. *Samuel Holden Parsons*;<sup>7</sup> who married Mrs. Barrow of Pittsfield, Mass., by whom he had two children; 6. *Mary Taber*;<sup>7</sup> who died unmarried; 7. *William Richard*;<sup>7</sup> of Mobile, Ala.; 8. *Thomas Ezra*;<sup>7</sup> who died in infancy; 9. *Maria Louisa*;<sup>7</sup> to whom belong the papers of her grandfather Capt. Ezra.

"It is a somewhat remarkable fact," writes Rev. W. H. Hill in a private letter (December 13, 1887), "that my cousin S. H. P. Lee Jr. bore so striking a resemblance to Gen. Robert E. Lee that many Southern gentlemen supposed he was a brother, or a near relative."<sup>13</sup>

<sup>11</sup> "He was assisted, however, during a part of the time, by Dr. James Lee of Lyme [see above] and Dr. Amos Collins from Westerly"—Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 584.

<sup>12</sup> Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 479, note 1.

<sup>13</sup> A similar resemblance, between Mrs. Charles Dudley Warner and the Lees of Virginia, was lately remarked upon by G. W. Custis Lee of Lexington.

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From Miss Caulkins we learn that in 1804 the first whaling-company of New London was formed "chiefly through the exertions of Dr. S. H. P. Lee, the first mover in the enterprise, who bought the ship ['Dauphin'] and fitted her for whaling;" and that in 1806 "Dr. Lee bought the ship *Leonidas*, and fitted her also for whaling."<sup>44</sup>

The second child of Capt. Ezra (362) and Deborah (Mather) Lee was: (2.) *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born August 31, 1774; who married, November 26, 1801, Edward Hill of Lyme; and had, beside one child who died in infancy: 1. *Christopher Edward*;<sup>7</sup> who married Martha Maria Arnold of Haddam, Conn.; all their children except one, *Francis Burrows*,<sup>8</sup> died in infancy or childhood; 2. *Elizabeth Lee*;<sup>7</sup> 3. *Mary Ann*;<sup>7</sup> who married John Bartlett; she was remarkable for her beauty, which is said to have attracted her future husband so strongly, seeing her for the first time at the Lyme wharf on the Connecticut, as he was passing in a steamer, that he immediately jumped ashore to make her acquaintance. 4. *Lucia Marvin*;<sup>7</sup> who married Dr. Lewis Benedict Gregory of Albany, N. Y., son of Lois and grandson of Benjamin Marvin (see **Marvin**); had five children, of whom only two, *Edward Hill*<sup>8</sup> and *Emma Maria*<sup>8</sup> 2d, survived infancy; and died in November 1850; 5. *Margaret Jane*;<sup>7</sup> who married James Burton of Albany, and had: *William Henry*,<sup>8</sup> *John Edward*,<sup>8</sup> *Catharine Elizabeth*,<sup>8</sup> *Emma Stephens*<sup>8</sup> and *Margaret Hill*,<sup>8</sup> beside one child who died in infancy; 6. *William Henry*;<sup>7</sup> an Episcopal clergyman, now Chaplain of the California State Prison at San Quentin, Cal.; the author of our "Genealogical Table of the Lee Family;" who married Ann McAlister of Albany; and had two children: *Jane Elizabeth*,<sup>8</sup> and *Isabella Mayell*.<sup>8</sup>

The fourth child of Capt. Ezra and Deborah (Mather) Lee was: (3.) *Lucia Mather*,<sup>6</sup> born November 10, 1779; who married John Marvin of Albany, N. Y. (see **Marvin**); and had three children, who all died young.

<sup>44</sup> Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 641.

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402       The sixth child of Capt. Ezra and Deborah (Mather) Lee was:  
 (4.) *Phoebe*,<sup>6</sup> born June 6, 1783; who married — Benedict; and died  
 Aug. 2, 1805.

403       The eighth child of Capt. Ezra and Deborah (Mather) Lee was:  
 (5.) *Margaret Stotenburg*,<sup>6</sup> (or Stoutenburgh), born November 11, 1794;  
 who married, April 5, 1814, John Ely Jr., and had, beside several children  
 404       who died in infancy: 1. *Eliza*,<sup>7</sup> who married James Hall Bready of Phila-  
 405-07       delphia, Pa.; 2. *Louisa*; <sup>7</sup> 3. *James*; <sup>7</sup> 4. *William*.<sup>7</sup>

It only remains for us to go back, again, to the third generation, in  
 order to trace out the line of descent from Stephen (350) Lee, the youngest  
 son of Lieutenant Thomas Lee by his second wife, Mary DeWolf. Colonel  
 Stephen Lee, born January 19, 1698-99, married: first, December 24,  
 1719, his first cousin once removed Abigail daughter of Lieut. Richard  
 Lord (see **Lord**) by Elizabeth Hyde; and had by her, beside three  
 children known to have died in infancy or childhood:

408       1. *Hannah*,<sup>4</sup> born September 21, 1720; who married, January 27,  
 1737, John Lay; and had several children by him, among whom was Capt.  
 409       *Lee*,<sup>5</sup> born July 25, 1751; who married: first, January 1, 1771, Lovisa  
 daughter of Ensign Thomas and Susannah (Lynde) Griswold (see **Cris-**  
**wold** and **Digby=Lynde**); and, secondly, his niece Mary Lay (see  
**Pedigree of Lay**). Mrs. Hannah (Lee) Lay died August 3, 1784.

410       2. *Abigail*,<sup>4</sup> born August 10, 1722; who married, May 1, 1740, her  
 second cousin Benjamin Hyde of Norwich, Conn.; and died before 1753.

411       3. *Stephen*,<sup>4</sup> born May 4, 1724; who married, September 25, 1744,  
 412       Mehitable Marvin (see **Marvin**); and had two sons: 1. *John*,<sup>5</sup> born  
 413       July 10, 1745; who died in the same year; 2. *Elias*,<sup>5</sup> born September 25,  
 1747. Stephen (411) Lee died May 6, 1756.

414       4. *Frederick*,<sup>4</sup> born November 14, 1728.

415       5. *Benjamin*,<sup>4</sup> born December 12, 1730.

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- 416           6. *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> born September 9, 1732.  
 417           7. *Thomas*<sup>4</sup> (see below).  
 418           8. *Jane*,<sup>4</sup> twin of Thomas, born August 26, 1734; who married,  
 May 6, 1753, Nathan Latimer; and had five sons and five daughters  
 whose births are recorded, born between September 3, 1754, and July 5,  
 1773.  
 419           9. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> born August 18, 1736; who married, February 7,  
 1758, George son of Rev. George Griswold, and father of the New York  
 420-21       merchants *Nathaniel Lynde*<sup>5</sup> and *George*<sup>5</sup> Griswold (see **Griswold**);  
 and died October 5, 1797.  
 422           10. *Joseph*<sup>4</sup> 2d, born May 23, 1738.

The first wife of Col. Stephen (350) Lee having died September 19, 1742, he married, secondly, January 25, 1742-43, Mary widow of John Picket. He died May 21, 1783. A diarist, under date of May 10, 1756, writes :

"I was at Col. Lee's [then of New London], to take leave of some of my neighbors who are going in the expedition to Crown Point; only thirty marched off; they are waiting for arms from Boston."<sup>45</sup>

Col. Stephen Lee was a man of ability and energy, and was accounted influential as a magistrate (Justice of the Peace, etc.) and as a military man, both in Lyme and New London.

- Captain Thomas (417) son of Col. Stephen Lee by Abigail Lord was  
 born August 26, 1734; and was twice married: first, April 6, 1756, to  
 423       Elizabeth Gilbert; by whom he had one child, *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born January 1,  
 1757, who died January 10 of the same year; and, secondly, to Mehitable  
 424       Peck, by whom he had: 1. *Benjamin*; <sup>5</sup> who married, June 16, 1784,  
 425-28     Anna Peck; and had *Fanny*<sup>6</sup> and *Elizabeth*; <sup>6</sup> 2. *Daniel*; <sup>5</sup> 3. *Stephen*,<sup>5</sup>  
 429-31     born in 1772 (see below); 4. *Thomas*; <sup>5</sup> 5. *Cyrus*; <sup>5</sup> 6. *Mary*; <sup>5</sup>  
 432-33     7. *Elizabeth* <sup>5</sup> (see below); 8. *Sarah*.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>45</sup> Caulkins's New London, ut supra, p. 470.

On the death of his Gilbert child he was legally entitled to quite a property belonging to her, but he turned it over to his late wife's family, much to the disgust of some of his own family, who counselled him to keep it, as it was his by good right. "Not a farthing," said Thomas, "no Gilbert shall ever have it to say that their gold or silver weighted my palm." Of Captain Lee it used to be said that "he was every inch a captain on the deck of his ship, but at home Dame Lee was the captain"—a touch of chivalry not so common in those iron days.

Through the influence of his second wife Thomas Lee of the fourth generation was a Royalist in the time of the Revolution, and took refuge in the British Provinces. He had a lot of land, in the town of Horton, N. S., surveyed to him in June 1760. But after the peace of 1782 the family returned to the United States.<sup>46</sup>

Stephen (428) son of Thomas and Mehitable (Peck) Lee married Mary Little; and had: 1. *Kezia*; <sup>6</sup> 2. *Mary*; <sup>6</sup> 3. *Eliza*; <sup>6</sup> 4. *Cyrus*; <sup>6</sup> 5. *James*; <sup>6</sup> 6. *Anne*; <sup>6</sup> 7. *John Thomas*; <sup>6</sup> 8. *William Little* <sup>6</sup>—the Chief Justice (see below); 9. *Stephen*.<sup>6</sup>

Elizabeth (432) daughter of Thomas and Mehitable (Peck) Lee married James Newton; and had: 1. *Daniel Lee*; <sup>6</sup> 2. *John*; <sup>6</sup> 3. *Mary*; <sup>6</sup> 4. *William*; <sup>6</sup> 5. *Thomas*; <sup>6</sup> 6. *James*; <sup>6</sup> 7. *Mehitable*; <sup>6</sup> 8. *Lydia*; <sup>6</sup> 9. *Lucy*.<sup>6</sup>

Daniel Lee (443) Newton married: first, Olive Hawley; and, secondly, Minerva Robards. By his first marriage was born *Katharine Elizabeth*; <sup>7</sup> who married: first, her father's cousin Chief Justice William Little Lee;

<sup>46</sup> Rev. A. W. H. Eaton writes to us from Boston (Nov. 30, 1887): "In the cemetery where my mother sleeps [in Nova Scotia] among the oldest graves is that of Anna Lee wife of Benjamin Lee, born 1766, died 21 April, 1795. I think she may have been a daughter of Benjamin Peck and his wife Hannah, one of the original grantees of King's co., N. S. Her husband, Benjamin Lee, I am tempted to believe, went back to Connecticut after her death. I think there is tradition to that effect." This refers to Benjamin son of Thomas Lee by his second wife. Dr. J. R. DeWolf of Dartmouth, N. S., gives us, from original records, the marriage of Benjamin Lee to Anna Peck, and the births of their children, as stated in the text.

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and, secondly, Prof. Edward L. Youmans. By the second marriage of Daniel Lee Newton there were six children, who all died young and childless. Mrs. Youmans is the only survivor of the families of her father and maternal grandfather Francis Hawley.

“William Little Lee was born at Sandy-hill, Washington Co., N. Y., February 25th, 1821, and died at Honolulu, Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands, June 14th, 1857, aged thirty-six years. After graduating at the age of twenty at Norwich University, Vt., where he took the first honors, he went through the usual course of study at the Harvard Law School, under those celebrated jurists Judge Story and Prof. Simon Greenleaf, LL.D., of Harvard University.

“On leaving Harvard he was attacked with severe hemorrhages of the lungs, but a strong constitution triumphed over the disease, and he commenced the practice of law in the city of Troy, N. Y., in the year 1844. A recurrence of his pulmonary symptoms warning him to seek a more genial climate, he turned to Oregon, a territory at that time exciting much attention on account of its reputed salubrity of climate, fertility of soil and prospects of speedy growth. Accordingly, in company with fourteen others, he embarked from Newburyport, Mass., in February 1846, bound for Columbia River. After a long and tempestuous voyage, they reached the Sandwich Islands in October 1846, where they were obliged to remain several months for repairs of the vessel.

“Mr. Lee's services were immediately engaged for some important Government cases then pending, and, finding the climate very beneficial to his health, he accepted the office of presiding Judge of the Superior Court. On the revision of the Constitution, he was appointed Chancellor and Chief Justice. The Hawaiian King and Chiefs having ceded a third of their lands to the common people, he was appointed President of the Board of Commissioners to settle land-claims, a trying and laborious work in which he toiled indefatigably, until every Hawaiian was secure in the possession of his homestead. As one of the three Commissioners to frame a new Constitution, he prepared the original draft. The Civil Code was the work of his hands, and at the time of his death he was engaged in drawing up a new Penal Code. He founded the Hawaiian Agricultural Society,

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serving for years as its President. Indeed, there was no beneficent movement in the Islands, whether philanthropic, educational, or social, which did not find in him a liberal, zealous and efficient worker.'

"Chief Justice Lee's health again giving way under the strain of over-exertion during a pestilence which decimated the nation, he was obliged to seek a change of climate. When leaving the Islands he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, England, France and Russia, in order to adjust various matters connected with those Courts. While in Washington he succeeded in negotiating the first Hawaiian Reciprocity Treaty with the Cabinet of President Pierce, and secured other important concessions; but his health failed so rapidly as to oblige him to relinquish his European mission, and his purposed return via India, and to embark again for the Islands by the way of Cape Horn. He lived but little more than a year after his return.

"To quote from the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser*: "His many admirable qualities of mind and heart, so rarely united in one individual, had won for him the love, esteem and confidence of all classes, while his eminent public services have rendered his death a heavy national calamity. The universal sorrow manifested for his loss, the thousands who gathered to pay the last sad tribute to his memory, the crowded churches where his services and his virtues were the themes of discourse, are evidences of the deep affection with which he had inspired the people among whom his best years have been spent, and his life was worn out by unremitting labors in their service. In the appropriate language of our cotemporary the *Polynesian*: 'Wherever the Sandwich Islands are known, Judge Lee has been heard of as a pillar of the State, and through his efforts rather than those of any other individual the Government has acquired a reputation and prestige which give it a strength beyond its proportions. In a word, it may be said that, in whatever there is of order or of progress observable throughout the length and breadth of this Archipelago, the mark of Judge Lee's hand is seen.'

"Mr. Lee's arrival was at a critical period in the affairs of this young nation. The Government was engaged in a controversy with some of the foreign residents which had embroiled the community, and the bitter and angry feelings aroused threatened its very existence. The laws were ambiguous and complicated, and the tribunals of the realm were looked



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upon rather as instruments of oppression than as sources of relief from injustice. At this epoch the advent of an able, upright and impartial Judge, to whom all parties could look with confidence, seemed the only event that could restore order out of chaos, and save the country from utter confusion. It was a fortunate day, indeed, for the nation when Mr. Lee accepted the post of presiding Judge. He was not easily induced to change his designs, and it was with great reluctance that he consented to remain in what seemed to him a narrow sphere of action compared to the mighty West. But from the day of his accepting office, under this Government, to that of his death he has served it with a zeal, industry and success of which history affords few examples. . . . It is impossible in the limits of a newspaper-article to more than allude to the services of this extraordinary man. . . . For all these extra services, arduous as they were, and to which he devoted the hours of day and night which most men consider necessary for relaxation and repose, and under which his own health gave way, he steadily and repeatedly refused any additional compensation. The Privy Council and Legislature have in vain endeavored to force on him compensation for his many voluntary and severe labors.

“As is rarely the case, his public and his private character were in singular and beautiful harmony. No man here ever possessed the entire confidence of so many of all ranks and conditions, both among natives and foreigners. . . .”

“‘He was a born leader, no less by virtue of his quick, clear, discriminating brain, his rare organizing power, his executive ability and resolute will, than by the magnetism of his genial temperament, his ready sympathy, his warmth of heart and graces of address. Of knightly consecration to duty, whether its path lay through days and nights of consuming and unrequited toil, of vigils beside the plague-smitten natives, or of courageous denunciation of wrong-doing, he was yet tender and compassionate towards the much-tempted and erring, and his honest hand was wrung in friendly grasp by many a man whom, in stern justice, it had smitten sore. The upright Judge, the wise Counsellor, the generous open-handed giver, the devoted husband, the faithful friend, the fervent, self-forgetting lover of humanity, he drew all hearts to him, and the nation sorrows over his loss from Hawaii to Nihau.

“‘In 1849 Judge Lee was married to Miss Katharine E. Newton of Albany, N. Y., a lady of much warmth of heart, intelligence and culture, whose sympathy and coöperation thenceforth lightened his labors and illumined his life.’”

“In regard to the first Hawaiian Reciprocity Treaty of 1855, a measure which has been approved by every succeeding American Cabinet, whether Democratic or Republican, and which has recently been renewed by President Cleveland, the *Alta California*, of April 13, 1886, remarks: ‘This Island commerce was the dream and hope of Democratic Statesmen of the last generation. The first reciprocity-treaty was negotiated by William L. Marcy, President Pierce’s Secretary of State, in 1855, at a period preceding the mercantile development of this Coast; before we had gained a surplus for exterior investment, and while our gold-mines were absorbing all the energies of our enterprise. But Mr. Marcy, with that foreken which distinguishes statesmen from politicians, saw the coming time when the Pacific Coast population would emerge out of its transient humors, when it would feel the settled purposes of permanent interests, and would found the institutions of a leading State and of an enduring society. Fortunately he met as the representative of the Hawaiian Government a statesman in Chancellor Lee, who foresaw that the whaling-fleet, the main dependence of the Islands, must fail, and, if their people were to be saved from decadence, it must be by basing their future upon the products of the soil. To this end he had founded there a plantation, had organized an Agricultural Society, and became in fact the creator of the new Hawaii. This insular statesman met in Marcy a continental statesman; the two conjured for the good of their respective nations in that first treaty, which might have been likened to faith, since it was the substance of things unseen, the evidence of things hoped for. Other treaties had been made with those Islands by Democratic administrations, but this was the first intended to be the yeast of a swelling commerce.’”

“‘The present treaty is merely the projection of Mr. Marcy’s statesmanship. It is the realization of his foresight and policy, and its results are a fresh garland laid upon the dust of New York’s great son. . . .

“‘These results are august. In other lands the traveler passes great estates that are barren and fruitless, untilled and shadowed by famine.

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Asking why they lie idle, he is told that *the dead hand* is on them. Willed to an ecclesiastical establishment, or dedicated to some listless purpose, they decay with the hand that drew their testamentary withdrawal from all human utilities. . . . In the history of Hawaiian commerce and regeneration, in the fleet of sail-ships and steamers that carry that trade, in the profits of American merchants and planters and ship-masters, and sailors and bankers and insurance-corporations, we see the work wrought by the dead hands of Marcy and Lee ; but the blooming picture is the reverse of famine and decay. The *dead hand* wrought for enterprise, for profits and prosperity, for useful tillage and manufactures, and it is glorified in these living blessings which it gave to mankind."

"It is a noteworthy coincidence that, while Dr. Samuel Holden Parsons Lee fitted out the first whaler from New London, the pioneer-vessel [see above] in an enterprise that built up and enriched not only the city of his nativity but the ports of the Sandwich Islands, especially Honolulu, the great entrepot and refitting station for the Arctic fleets, his kinsman Chief Justice Lee, more than forty years later, foreseeing the decline of that industry, should have labored zealously, alike by precept, example and legislation, to replace it by agriculture, thus substituting for the perilous and uncertain harvests of the sea the peaceful and surer harvests of the soil. To this end, as stated by the *Alta California*, he not only established a sugar plantation and founded an efficient and prosperous Agricultural Society, but taxed the waning strength of his last days in negotiating a reciprocity treaty with the Government of the United States which would secure both to his native land and to the country of his adoption the richest results of the international commerce he so confidently predicted."

"The threatened abrogation of this . . . Reciprocity Treaty, in the interest of the Eastern sugar-refiners, brought out the most earnest protests and petitions in behalf of every possible business-interest, ever presented to Congress from the Pacific Slope, the memorialists representing that it had created out of nothing a magnificent commerce, second only to that with Great Britain and her colonies ; that it had made, through a flotilla of American-built vessels, the only sound spot in the dry rot that had crumbled out of existence our once flourishing commercial marine, and that it was vitally necessary not only to the protection of the Pacific Coast

but to American dominance in those waters; for the opportunities we should throw away by the alienation of the Islands would be eagerly seized by other nations, who had long cast covetous eyes upon this alluring group."

453 "To President Grover<sup>7</sup> Cleveland, another descendant of the first Thomas Lee, belongs the credit of continuing the policy of his Democratic and Republican predecessors, by renewing the Reciprocity Treaty for another seven years."<sup>7</sup>

The author of a Memoir of the Rev. William P. Alexander (one of the ablest and most interesting of the Missionaries to the Sandwich Islands), recently published, says :

"It was during this period that that peaceful revolution took place which changed the Hawaiian Government from an absolute to a constitutional monarchy, and gave the poor serfs their homestead, in fee simple. In this grand movement Mr. Alexander was intensely interested, and he gave to its leaders his hearty sympathy and coöperation. Judge Lee, if not the prime mover, was certainly the guiding mind, in this reform, and between him and Mr. Alexander there existed that strong mutual sympathy and esteem which two such noble spirits naturally feel for each other."

A near relative of the late Prof. Youmans, who married, as we have said, the widow of Chief Justice Lee, speaks of her in these words :

"Prof. Youmans was married in 1861 to Mrs. William L. Lee, the widow of a distinguished lawyer and jurist, and a lady of culture, refinement and much critical literary ability. That a wife of such nice perceptions, and intellectual gifts, should earnestly sympathize with the literary and scientific work of her husband was to be expected. As his amanuensis, and as an assistant and companion in the occupations,<sup>8</sup> correspondence and travel by means of which he was brought into intimate relations with the leading thinkers of England and America, she rendered him valuable aid, which he highly appreciated."<sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Chiefly copied from the Polynesian of Honolulu.

<sup>8</sup> Popular Science Monthly . . . New York, 1887, xxx. 695.

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As has been said by one of our well-known literateurs :

"In her second, as in her first, marriage, Mrs. Youmans was a true coadjutor of a notable intellectual life. Seldom, in any time or place, has it been the fortune of any woman to be the life-companion of two men so eminent in gifts and in opportunities, and to give such aid and sympathy as hers in careers so differently distinguished."

After the death of Lieutenant Thomas Lee, in 1704-05, his widow married, May 30, 1705, the second Matthew Griswold, as his second wife (see **Griswold**); but had no children by this marriage. On the 25th of December, 1719, being then the widow of her second husband, she made a Deed as follows :

"I Mary Griswold, widow and Relict of Mr. Matthew Griswold, late of Lyme in the county of New London Deceased etc., for divers good causes and considerations of that natural love and endeared affection which I have and do bear unto my two sons, viz. William and Stephen Lee of Lyme aforesaid, have given, granted, aliened, conveyed and confirmed unto the above said William and Stephen Lee, their heirs and assigns for ever, all that Right, Title, Interest, claim or demand which doth, might, should, could or ought to accrue or belong to me in the Real Estate of my honored father Belteshazer Dewolf [see **Notes on the Family of DeWolf**] late of said Lyme Deceased etc."

To the same William and Stephen Lee was deeded, February 9, 1718-19, by Captain Reinold Marvin, who had married their sister Phoebe (see above), then deceased, "all the right of Inheritance in the Real Estate of Thomas Lee, late of Lyme, deceased, which descended to the said Marvin by his first wife Phebe, one of the Daughters of said Thomas Lee deceased."

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There is a family from Ridgefield, Conn., represented by the children of the late Mr. David Lee of New York, who have a tradition to the effect, and in whose minds the connection seems to be fixed, that they are descended from a Lee family of Saybrook whose father died on the passage to this country, supposing it to be that of our Thomas Lee. We have been in correspondence with them, but the family have not as yet succeeded in finding all the connecting generations. We mention them here for their own sake.

Their father David Lee of Ridgefield, Conn., tired of country-life, went, early in the present century, to New York, became a highly respected and prosperous merchant of that city, and died there in 1852, leaving a widow, four daughters and an only son.

His wife was a daughter of Thompson Phillips and Abby Mumford his wife, of Middletown, Conn. The Phillips family of Middletown, originally of Plymouth, Mass., is related to the Cottons and Cushings of Massachusetts and the Hoppins of Rhode Island. David Bradley Lee, the son of David Lee, still makes New York his home, uniting the attractions of a popular man of society with literary tastes, which his easy fortune allows him leisure to cultivate.

Three of the daughters have, one by one, been sought and won in marriage by men of high rank in Europe.

Anna Phillips the eldest child of Mrs. Lee was never married. With a lady-companion, she lived a quiet life, for many years, in Bordeaux, and there died and is buried. All of this remarkable sisterhood have been philanthropists, and have found, and still find, their highest happiness in promoting the welfare of others.

Abby Mumford, afterwards called Blanche, the second daughter, married Capt. Augustus Charles Murray, a cousin of Hon. Charles Augustus (now Sir Charles Augustus, Bart.) Murray, son of the Earl of Dunmore, who married Elizabeth daughter of James Wadsworth of Geneseo, N. Y., by Naomi Wolcott, of the sixth generation in descent from our first Henry Wolcott of Windsor, Conn. (see **Wolcott**).

The husband of Josephine Louisa, the third daughter, was His Excellency Baron von Waechter-Lautenbach, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Württemberg at the Court of the Tuileries for twenty years, beginning when Prince Napoleon was President, and ending when he, as Emperor Napoleon III., was dethroned. He was then made Minister of Foreign Affairs and of the Royal Household at Stuttgart, and was long Chamberlain to the King. The Baron signed, for the King of Württemberg, the Treaty of Peace of Versailles, at the close of the Franco-Prussian war. Later he retired from public life, with the title of Minister of State, and died at Lautenbach, his private domain, August 3, 1879, leaving two children.<sup>49</sup> His widow devotes her life to works of charity.

The first husband of Mary Esther, the fourth and youngest daughter, was His Serene Highness Prince Frederic Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg-Noer, a brother of the late Queen Caroline Amelia, wife of King Christian VIII., of Denmark. Through their mother, the Prince and his sister were grandnephew and grandniece to King George III. of Great Britain. Prince Frederic Augustus, having separated himself, politically, from his royal brother-in-law, in the great overturnings of 1848, went into retirement in 1851, and in 1864 received from the Emperor of Austria, by special Patent, the title of Prince von Noer. The present Empress of Germany is his grandniece, being descended from his elder brother Duke Christian Charles Frederic Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein. The present King of Denmark, Christian IX., who succeeded to the Danish throne in 1863, is of the same ducal house as were the Prince von Noer and his sister Queen Caroline Amelia, but of a younger branch, called Sonderburg-Glücksburg. The duchy of Schleswig-Holstein was formally incorporated with Prussia in 1867, for which the Glücksburg family received indemnity; and in 1884 the elder branch also renounced

<sup>49</sup> Blanche and Louis. Blanche married Baron Julius v. Palm, of the Württemberg Army, and has several children. Louis is in the German Army.

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its claims to the duchy, and was compensated therefor. The Princess of Wales, the King of Greece and the Empress of Russia are children of Christian IX.

The connections, thus princely and royal, into which Mary Esther Lee entered on her first marriage, not only led to an affectionate sisterly relation between that late noble and much beloved Queen Caroline Amelia of Denmark and herself, but also, through the present Empress of Germany, whose granduncle was her first husband, brought her into peculiar relations of familiarity with the present imperial family of Germany. Several years after the death of the Prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Noer the Princess his widow married Count von Waldersee, the successor of Field Marshal Count von Moltke as Chief of the General Staff of the German Army.

The Count von Waldersee's military career began in 1850, when he was only eighteen years of age. He first distinguished himself in the Prusso-Danish campaign of 1864. His diplomatic talent led to his appointment as Military Attaché of the Prussian Embassy in Paris in 1867. He was active in the Franco-Prussian war, and, after the Peace of Versailles, was entrusted with the opening of diplomatic intercourse with the French Republic, representing Germany in Paris during the Commune; was appointed, in 1881, to represent von Moltke, for his relief, on the General Staff; and was made von Moltke's successor as Chief of the General Staff of the German Army by the present Emperor.

In all her relations the Princess, now Countess von Waldersee, has borne herself with quiet dignity, ability and grace, and has been active in religious causes. She is said to be a woman of strong convictions, with resolution and firmness in maintaining them.

The widow of Mr. David Lee, living with the Countess von Waldersee, is in constant correspondence with Mrs. Hoppin of New Haven, whose husband, Prof. James Mason Hoppin of Yale University, is the Countess's second cousin on her mother's side. We are permitted to print a private letter from the Countess to Mrs. Hoppin, which states some of the circum-



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stances of the remarkable transplanting, by marriage, of herself and her two elder sisters. It is dated August 31, 1888, at Lautenbach on the Neckar, the residence of her sister Baroness von Waechter :

“Dear Cousin Mary,

“I want to put a postscript into dear mother's letter, first to thank you for so kindly writing to me, and expressing congratulations for my husband's promotion, and, secondly, to answer the question which you say is now so often mooted—how my sisters and myself met our husbands. Mother has truly said that it was a leading of Providence; but I would like to show you a few of these practical leadings. My brother-in-law Captain Augustus Charles Murray, grandson of the Earl of Dunmore, met my sister [Abby Mumford] at our father's house in New York, and, although he was on the eve of quitting the city, to look after some western lands, he felt himself so attracted to her that he postponed his departure for some time—in fact, did not leave until he had demanded her hand in marriage. The wedding took place in our American home, on 14th August, 1851; and they left for a European tour, accompanied by my sister Josie [Josephine Louisa]. During their stay in Paris my brother-in-law's sister, the Princess de la Trémouille, showed them every attention, and they became mutually attached, and remained life-long friends. At one of the soirées given by the Princess my sister Josie made the acquaintance of her future husband, Baron de Waechter, the Württemberg Minister at the Court of the Tuileries. He was a friend of the Princess, and she was much pleased at the impression which my sister made upon him. This resulted, as you know, in their marriage in Paris; and in the following year, when I came out of school, my sister and brother-in-law both kindly invited me to come over and make them a visit. This I so much enjoyed that it was prolonged much more than I had dreamed of in leaving my native land, which I always regarded as my home, for there lived my dear mother, as well as brother. During these years I learned to know and appreciate the Prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Noer, my dear late husband; and his love finally overpowered the three great obstacles to our marriage—his rank, his age and his children. Then followed those eight happy months of our union, ending with the terrible affliction of his loss, in Beyrouth, Syria, July 2d, 1865. He had wound himself so around my heart that happiness for me seemed to have died with him. After eight and a quarter years of widowhood the dear Lord, of his great mercy, restored to me again the hope of happiness in causing me to meet, at the house of dear friends [neighbors in Lautenbach] my present loving and devoted husband, Count Waldersee. Our marriage took place 14th April, 1874, and I can never enough thank the Lord for my

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present happy home. Now, dear cousin, you see how we have been led, step by step, to make our homes in Europe, and *not*, as some might think, did my mother bring us abroad with such an object! It seems strange to be so transplanted; but we can work for the Lord here as well as there; and perhaps here it is more needed. . . .

"From yours very affectionately

"Mary de Waldersee."

So far as "blood tells" in character, it verifies the belief of the David Lee family as to their descent from our Thomas Lee. We feel it to be confirmed by the young David Lee's unwillingness to remain on his father's farm in Ridgefield, and having ambition and energy enough to force him to the great city, there to push his way to fortune. We see it in the careers of his daughters, whom, if we certainly knew them to be of our race, we should call "typical Lees," whose environment of fortune and circumstances has given them the opportunity to develop in freedom their natural traits of mind and character.

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In addition to the enumeration at the beginning of this monograph, we give here the title of the latest publication, known to us, on any branch of the Lees of the United States. It is "John Leigh of Agawam (Ipswich), Massachusetts, 1634-1671, and his Descendants of the name of Lee . . . Compiled by William Lee . . . Albany, 1888."

## Introduction to Marvin Monograph

By inheritance from my father, the late Theophilus Rogers Marvin of Boston, I came into possession of his Records of the Marvin Family, prepared after extensive correspondence. He printed the substance of these Records more than forty years ago, in a well known little book, called a "Genealogical Sketch of the Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin," one of the first family-histories ever printed in this country. In 1862 he published the same, more systematically arranged, in Volume XVI., pp. 235 et seq., of "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register."

The following paper has been written at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury, to form a link in a series of monographs, prepared by them, which cover several lines of Mrs. Salisbury's ancestry. The Marvin genealogy had been investigated with interest by Mrs. Salisbury for several years, and I am indebted to her for valuable hints and suggestions, as well as for contributions of several historic items, etc. From other sources I have received statements enabling me to make my monograph more complete and accurate, but I am especially grateful for the encouragement given me by both Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury, in some cases of difficulty and doubt. The plan I have followed is that adopted by them for their own papers, as I have not wished to vary from their method. There are a few apparent discrepancies in regard to ages, etc., arising from the fact that some of the *births* were recorded for *old style*, and *deaths* for *new style*, which I have not attempted to rectify; a portion, I find, were corrected by my father in his notes, but evidently not all.

The children have scattered widely from their ancestral home; some are now living in Oregon, others in Florida, and more than twenty States of the Union number our kindred among their citizens. My opportunities to learn of personal history and individual traits, or to acquire those tradi-

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tions which lend a peculiar charm to Family Memorials, have been very limited; for many years my father was the only one bearing the name in this vicinity. While this detracts greatly from that vivacity which distinguishes the other papers in these volumes, I trust that what I have gathered will enable the descendants to gain some knowledge of value concerning those early settlers whose memory we honor.

Many of our kindred are descended from Elizabeth Hyde,<sup>1</sup> and the elaborate work of Chancellor Walworth will often enable any one who so desires, to trace the line of female descendants beyond the point where I have left them in the Pedigrees which accompany these notes, and which are the first in that form, relating to the Marvins, that have appeared in this country.

WILLIAM THEOPHILUS ROGERS MARVIN.

BOSTON, March 1, 1889.

<sup>1</sup> Much of the material here contained, so far as it relates to her descendants of Marvin blood, had been gathered independently by my father before that work appeared; but, as that is now in print and easily accessible, it has not seemed necessary to repeat the facts here. During the preparation of this paper, which has been done amid business-cares, a fact which I trust will excuse those imperfections of which I am fully conscious, I have accumulated much information regarding various branches of the family, some of which will be found in the Pedigrees, but which could not be included in the text without greatly extending this paper, neither would it be in accordance with the plan of these Memorial Volumes. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury I am permitted to say that further information, corrections, or any correspondence from the descendants of Reginold or Matthew will be gladly received, and hereafter utilized in the preparation of a volume specially devoted to the Marvin Family, should that ever be called for in such a way as to warrant the expense of its publication.

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THE original name of this Family in England, seems to have been spelled, indifferently, Marvin, Marvyn and Mervyn, varying modes being found applied in some documents, and occasionally all three, to the same person.<sup>2</sup> The well-known English method of pronouncing *cr* as if written *ar*, is doubtless the reason. Individuals of the name are not infrequently mentioned in English books, but as I have nothing at present to identify them with the ancestry of the New England Family, I note only two, from those which might be quoted. In the expedition against the Azores, in 1589, under the Earl of Cumberland,<sup>3</sup> among the "Captains and Gentlemen" there was a "Mr. Mervin." In a list of "Country Gentlemen," called the "leaders of the Club-men," for Wilts, Dorset and Somerset, "brought prisoners to Sherbourne on the Lord's Day, August 3, 1645, taken at Shaftesbury," is "Mr. Matthew Marvin." The time is too late for him to have been the emigrant, but it shows the sympathies of members of the family at the time.

My endeavors to obtain reliable information as to the place where our ancestors resided before leaving the mother-country, have been unavailing.

<sup>2</sup> I have seen an autograph of the first Reginold, or possibly of his son, spelled Renald Maruen. In the Norwalk Records the name of the Matthew branch is often given as Marven, which was the form adopted by the Loyalist members of the family who went to the British Provinces after the close of the Revolution. There are various other modes of spelling, in the Hartford, Lyme and Norwalk Records, unnecessary to enumerate. MARVIN, as that most generally used by the descendants of both Matthew and Reginold, will be used in this paper. I have no doubt the Christian name of our first ancestor was Reginold, as that has been found applied to him; but this varies even more frequently than the family-name, and latterly was generally given as Reinold, which I have adopted except in the case of the first, whom I refer to as *Reginold*, in this paper, to distinguish him from those of his descendants who for several generations carried down the name.

<sup>3</sup> Hakluyt's Voyages, iii. p. 143.

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Much time has been given to the search, and we by no means regard it as hopeless. To show something of what has been done in this direction, as well as to give some facts of interest regarding those who have borne the name, though perhaps only distantly if at all connected with the New England family, I introduce here, and in a note below, what I have gathered thus far, bearing upon the subject. It should be distinctly understood, that, in so doing, I entertain no wish, nor design any attempt, to establish a doubtful claim of kinship between our family and the ancient house which once occupied the lovely Fonthill Abbey, Wiltshire—a family long eminent for its antiquity, its wealth and its influence in public affairs,—now scattered from its ancestral domains, and, in the direct line of descent, extinct in several of its branches, although the name is still preserved in junior branches. I do this partly in compliance with many requests received, and partly in the hope that some future investigator, knowing what has been already done, if he find no clue worth pursuing in my labors, may yet save some weary hours of study. My notes might be greatly extended, but these family-memorials have no room to give to theories, had the compiler any to offer, which he disclaims at the outset.

Whether, then, future research in the Wills and Records of this family, still preserved, would be fruitful or not, sufficient has been learned to make it probable that the ancestral home of the New England Marvins is to be sought in the southern counties of England,—Dorset, Hants, Wilts and Somerset. In each of these were branches of an ancient family bearing our name, whose principal seat, as mentioned above, was at Fonthill Abbey, near the borders of Wilts, where it was established in the time of Henry VI., Richard Mervyn (or, as the name is also spelled in the Visitations, Maryyn), dying there in the seventeenth year of that monarch's reign. His grandson John acquired the manor and estates of Fonthill-Giffard, which gave its name to this branch, from the Hungerford family. He was living in 1476.

Among his descendants were William Mervyn of Pertwood, Sheriff for Wilts and Dorset in the time of Henry VII.; Sir John, M. P. for

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Wilts in 1554; Lucy, the wife of the Earl of Castlehaven, who died in the time of James I.; Sir Henry,<sup>4</sup> of the Durford Abbey branch, Knight, and Admiral and Captain-General of the Narrow Seas, who died in 1643; the Rev. Edmond, "Parson of Bramshot," Sussex; Sir Audley, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons,<sup>5</sup> 1661; and many others of prominence and influence. Several of the name achieved distinction in the law, one at least being a Judge of the King's Bench. Not a few of our New England line have manifested the same talent, and acquired equal eminence, having filled positions of the highest rank in our State and National Courts.

Of this family the Marvyns of Pertwood were the younger line. Knol, or Knoyle, another parish in Wilts, was the seat of one branch; Upton Knoell, still another, was the residence of George Marvyn. These places were not far from Hindon, where once stood the famous Fonthill Abbey; a portion of its ruins still remain.<sup>6</sup>

It appears in the Wilts Visitation of 1623 (cited below) that there was a Matthew Marvyn,<sup>7</sup> of Pertwood, of the age of the first Matthew who came to New England, who had a daughter Elizabeth, as did our Matthew; he also had a son George, but I find no other children mentioned. This Matthew was living in 1634, but beyond that I have been able to learn almost nothing concerning him. In beginning my investigations, it seemed to me probable that he might be the founder of the Matthew line in New England,<sup>8</sup> but the pedigree referred to says that

<sup>4</sup> For a reference to this Sir Henry, in 1527, see Prince Society's Publications: "Capt. John Mason," p. 250.

<sup>5</sup> It is a curious fact that I find among my father's papers a letter from one of our name, who wrote that he had reason to believe our family of Irish descent; if there is any foundation for this, though I place no confidence whatever in the story, the Irish family is easily traced to Fonthill-Giffard.

<sup>6</sup> Hoare's History of Modern Wilts has several views of this residence of the Mervyns at different periods, and of the ruined Abbey.

<sup>7</sup> Possibly this Matthew was the same already mentioned as "brought prisoner to Sherbourne."

<sup>8</sup> In Marshall's Visitation of Wiltshire, 1623, but little is given of Matthew, save his birth, showing him to have been of exactly the age of the Matthew who came to New England, and also that he had a younger brother, whose name is given as Richard. Perceiving, as will be seen by writing the name, that Reinold might be easily read Richard, especially if the first part of the *n* were extended upwards a little, and

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his wife's name was Katharine, and that his daughter Elizabeth married, in England, William Burlton of Knowle; if this be true, and I know of no reason to doubt it, it of course disproves this supposition. It is noticeable that he is the only Matthew mentioned in the pedigree. His Christian name apparently came from an alliance by marriage with the Ryves or Reives family.

This Matthew of Pertwood was the son of George, and grandson of John; the latter had a younger brother, Philip, who is mentioned in an earlier Visitation, and in his brother's Will in 1599. Another Philip, son of Ambrose, fifth son of the fourth Sir John Marvyn of Wormister, Parish Wells, Somerset, married a daughter of Jeffrey Upton; he appears by his uncle's Will to have been a Romanist, and was bequeathed estates on condition of returning to the faith of his fathers.<sup>9</sup> I have not been able to learn anything of these branches. The direct male line of the Pertwood Marvyns is, I think, extinct. Sir Henry Marvyn Vavasour, Bart., of Spaldington, was its representative in 1868.<sup>10</sup> The older Parish Records

finding that Dr. Marshall said in his Preface that the MS. was very badly written, my hopes were raised that our line was probably to be sought here; there seemed also to be some support to this theory in a pedigree printed in Hoare's *History of Modern Wilts*, I. (Mere Hundred) p. 180, where "Richard" is placed a generation lower. I accordingly wrote to Dr. Marshall, who most kindly examined the original MS. for me, with this question before him; he assures me that it is certainly "Richard;" and I subsequently found in the pedigree in "Miscellanea," cited below, that the line given in Hoare, "which, it is believed, was compiled about 1799, by the late G. F. Beltz, Lancaster Herald, . . . so far as it extends, appears to be substantially correct, with however one important error as regards *Richard Marvyn*, Chancellor of Exeter Cathedral, and the founder of the Devonshire branch of the family, who has been inserted by Beltz a generation later than that in which he was born." Thus my hopes were rendered vain, for with such authority against me it is impossible to question the correctness of the line he gives.

<sup>9</sup> See Somersetshire Wills, First Series, p. 7.

<sup>10</sup> For very full pedigrees of the Wiltshire Family, extracts from Wills, etc., see *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, New Series, i. pp. 358 (Fonthill-Giffard line), 422 (Durford Abbey line), ii. p. 6 (Pertwood line); also i., Old Series, p. 289. These pedigrees give several pages to each branch, but do not profess to be complete: several lines of the younger sons are not carried down, and these omissions cannot be supplied from data at present accessible. In a few cases a name is given in the pedigree which differs from that of the same person mentioned in a Will cited, and it is impossible to say which is the correct one. The Durford Abbey line is enriched with a list of Marvyns from



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of Pertwood have been burned ; those extant, as I learn from Dr. Marshall, begin with 1661, and of these the first pages are now illegible.

Fonthill Abbey passed from the Marvyns to the Cottingtons ; Francis, Chancellor of the Exchequer, being its next owner. It was forfeited to the Crown by the attainder in 1631 of the second Earl of Castlehaven, son of Lucy Marvyn ; by some means this was removed, so that the family were enabled to sell it about the time our ancestors left England ; but beyond the coincidence we know of nothing to connect the two events. The Cottingtons held it for nearly two hundred years ; in 1828 they sold it to a wealthy London Alderman, by the name of Beckford. He, thinking the old Parish Church too near the Mansion, and "unseemly, took it down, and, according to reports, *buried all the memorials of the Marvyn and Cottington families* ; but perhaps some future antiquarian may hit upon the place of their deposit, and bring them to light."<sup>11</sup> I regret to add that this happy discovery has never been made, so far as I can learn ; I am informed that the early Parish Records are believed to have been lost or destroyed ; they cannot now be found. Notwithstanding the vicissitudes through which the ancient mansion has passed, stripping it of much of its beauty and historic charm, the estate brought £290,000, or nearly a million and a half of dollars. Later it was held by a Mortimer, a nephew of the

the Rogate Parish Registers between 1552 and 1600. Further notes on this line are given in Dallaway's History of the Western Division of Co. Sussex, i. p. 213.

The name is mentioned in several Visitations. That of Wiltshire, 1623 (London, 1882, edited by George W. Marshall, LL.D., now Rouge Croix Pursuivant of the Herald's College), has at page 8 the most complete pedigree. Other references will be found in Visitation of Somerset, for 1551, pp. 33, 75, and 82 ; and for 1623, pp. 46 and 50 ; Visitation of Northamptonshire, 1564, pp. 10, 11, 33, 173, 185 ; Visitation of Warwick, 1619, p. 127 ; in this County there was a Hugh Marvyn at Wolvey, and another (Christian name not given) at Church Lawford ; the latter is also mentioned in Visitation of Leicester, 1619, p. 126, and in Northamptonshire, cited above. The Hants Visitations, I am informed allude to younger branches of the families, but I have not been able to consult them. See also Somersetshire Wills, First Series, pp. 7, 62, 63, 67 ; History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset, by John Hutchins, London, 1870, iv. pp. 73, 74. Edmund Marvyn, Archdeacon of Surrey, is mentioned in History and Antiquities of Winchester, 1773.

<sup>11</sup> See Hoare, *ut supra*.

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Alderman, who expended considerable money upon it. Its present owner I have not ascertained.

A singular circumstance, interesting principally because pointing to Wilts, and coming from an entirely different source, may be mentioned. About 1845 a member of the family on this side of the water, desirous of ascertaining whether his ancestor had a right to armorial bearings, instituted some inquiries on the subject, possibly with the hope that this might shed some light on the old home. An individual, claiming to have authority from the Heralds' College, professed to make a search, and forwarded a blazon, which I have seen, as follows: *Sable, three lions passant guardant, per pale, argent and or*; Crest: *An escutcheon parti per cross, or and gules*; Motto: *De Dieu Tout*. Quite recently I have learned that some members of the Loyalist branch of the family which went to the British Provinces at the close of the Revolution, descendants of Matthew, have used the same arms ("differenced" in the arrangement of the tinctures), and the motto, but with a different crest,—similar to, if not identical with, that used by the Fonthill-Giffard Marvyns. Whether these were obtained by a special grant, or in some other manner, I have not been informed. I should be glad to find any reliable authority for associating either of these blazons with our New England Marvins, for it would go far towards establishing the Wiltshire connection; but my own investigations lead me to think that the "authority" was worthless, the "search" mythical, and that the connection, claimed to have been discovered, was never proved; it has since been sought in vain. The arms first mentioned are those which were used by Richard Mervyn, founder of the Fonthill-Giffard line, about 1439—(his crest I have not ascertained). On his marriage with Dorothy daughter and coheir of Thomas Squerie he impaled with his own the Squerie arms—*Ermine, a squirrel sejant, proper, cracking a nut or*; subsequently the Marvyn and Squerie arms, quarterly, were used, impaling arms of later alliances; but previous to the foundation of the Pertwood branch the old arms of the Marvyns, that is, without the Squerie impalement, seem generally to have been borne by the Fonthill-

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Giffard branch ; and the device in the sinister became the crest, the *squirrel sejant* receiving a *plain collar or*, charged with *three torteaux*; the motto was *De Dieu Tout*.

The Pertwood Marvyns bore *Argent, a demi-lion rampant sable*, charged with a *fleur-de-lis or*, probably as a "difference," retaining the three original tinctures, and the lion in modified form as the principal device; the Durford Abbey branch continued, I believe, to use the older arms; Sir Audley Marvyn, a lineal descendant of the first Richard, but who was of the Irish branch, bore *Or, a chevron sable*, which are the arms of a Welsh family named Mirfin; whether he intended to suggest a Welsh origin of the name<sup>12</sup> and line, it is impossible for us now to discover.

It can hardly escape attention how frequently the family-name is given, either as a Christian or middle name, to the children of female descendants as recorded below, or shown in the Pedigrees; it is equally noticeable in the English family mentioned, where the daughters, especially in later years, are often called "Mervinia."

I conclude my summary of investigations in English sources by mentioning that I find, in my father's notes, that he thought we should search for our ancestry in Essex. While I do not know the special grounds of his opinion, there are a few facts which possibly influenced him. It is of course unnecessary to say that the Rev. Mr. Hooker of Hartford, with whose Church both Matthew and Reginold were connected, was from that county. William Ruscoe, a fellow-passenger with Matthew, a settler

<sup>12</sup> The Welsh word, I have been told, signifies "Come from the sea." As bearing on the origin of the name, I notice there was also a family of the name of Mirfin in Yorkshire, who bore arms, which I have not investigated. In Scott's Kenilworth, one of the Towers is called "Mervyn's tower," after a Welsh chief, who was said to have been confined there, and the "wild Welsh Prince" in The Betrothed, has the same name. In the book entitled The Land of the Midnight Sun (Sweden) a castle is mentioned, built in 1644, called "Marvinsholme." While nothing can be learned from these particulars, they may have sufficient interest to be placed on record. As the Wiltshire Mervyns were of Mere Hundred, it has occurred to me that the name may possibly have a Saxon root, from *Mere*, which, Hoare says, means a boundary.

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at Hartford, and later with Matthew at Norwalk, was from Essex.<sup>13</sup> The Rev. James Fitch, the first Minister of Saybrook, was also from Essex. It seems probable also that the Lords of Lyme were from the same county (see **Lord**). I have, however, been able to find but one mention of a Marvin in Essex, namely, Lancelot, who married Elizabeth Vavasour.<sup>14</sup>

Whatever may be hereafter developed concerning the residence of our kindred in the mother-country, Lyme in Connecticut must be regarded as the early New England home of our immediate ancestors, as well as of most of the allied branches which these memorial volumes are designed to honor. I shall therefore be pardoned for saying that "Harper's Magazine," for February 1876, contains a very interesting, though occasionally somewhat romantic, account of Lyme, by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, copiously illustrated with views of many of the older residences, and other places of interest, and a few portraits, not excepting a sketch of Deacon Marvin's courtship which borders on a caricature.

Before speaking of the founders of our family in this country, it may be well to mention three others of the name who were here at an early date. Thomas Marvin of Newbury, Mass., received a grant of land from that town, April 27, 1648. Their Records say: "At a meeting of the Town of Newbury, 'There was granted to Thomas Marvyn two acres of land lying near the new Pond on the back side of Mr. N. Noyes's houselot, for encouragement to kill wolves, and that he shall endeavour to his utmost to catch them.'" Coffin's "History of Newbury" mentions the death of Thomas Marvyn at that place, November 28, 1651. Whether there was any connection between this man and our ancestry is unknown. "Mr. N. Noyes" was doubtless Nicholas, a younger brother of Rev. James, whose son, Rev. Moses Noyes (born December 6, 1643), was the first minister of Lyme, beginning to preach in 1666; and his descendants married

<sup>13</sup> See The Memorial History of Hartford County, ii. p. 166; and Hall's Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk, p. 27.

<sup>14</sup> See Essex Visitations, p. 611; on page 118 of which his name is given as Lancelot Morwin.

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into our family. Rev. James came from Wilts, England, where his father was an eminent divine.<sup>15</sup> There was a Christopher Marvin in Boston, whose bans of marriage with Jane Gledon were published in that town, June 9, 1708. I have met with one or two references to this man of somewhat later date.<sup>16</sup>

There was a "Master Marvyn" in Virginia, 1585, one of Sir Walter Raleigh's Colony, who remained "one whole yeere in Virginia, vnder the Government of Master Ralph Lane."<sup>17</sup> They seem to have returned to England, June 18, 1586. Aside from these I have found no early mention of those bearing the name, except such as can be traced to the Connecticut settlers. Thomas and Christopher are names frequently borne by the Wiltshire Marvyns.

1       The first settlers of our name in Connecticut were REGINOLD<sup>18</sup> (whose  
2       name is also given as Reignold, Reinold, Renald, etc.), MATTHEW<sup>1</sup> and  
3       HANNAH,<sup>1</sup> supposed to have been their sister.

As I do not propose to follow the lines of the female descendants beyond their immediate families, except in one or two instances, I give briefly what is known of the latter, before speaking of the others. Her name is spelled Hannah *Merrells* on the earliest Hartford Records, where

<sup>15</sup> See The N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, xii. p. 64. The old house occupied by Rev. James Noyes of Newbury was very recently, and is perhaps still, standing. See also *ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> In the History of the Second Church of Boston, by Rev. Chandler Robbins, is a record of baptisms during the pastorate of Increase Mather and his son and colleague, Cotton, among which (p. 263) are the names of Jane Marvin, baptized March 18, 1711, and Mary Marvin, baptized June 14, 1713; probably these were children of Christopher and Jane. I have discovered no other trace of their descendants.

<sup>17</sup> See "Sir Walter Raleigh and his Colony in America," in Prince Society's Publications, p. 141, et seq.

<sup>18</sup> The Christian name of Reginold, spelled in different ways, is not a common one. I find very few in Wilts, Warwickshire or Worcestershire Visitations; only eight in the hundred-page Index of Essex; a few are in the Somerset Visitations; among them I note a gentleman with this name at Taunton, Somerset, where resided Robert Hill, who married Elinor Marvin. Both Reginold and Matthew are of comparatively frequent appearance in Gloucestershire, which was probably the home of Matthew's fellow-passenger Warner. Savage mentions but few Reginolds.

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her marriage is given ; but this spelling, and also that of Marvell, is occasionally applied to persons whom we know certainly to have been Marvins. She was married at Hartford, August 25, 1644, to Francis Barnard, "maltster," and removed thence to Hadley, Mass., as early as 1662, or not long after the dissensions arose in the Hartford church, which led in large measure to the settlement of that town. She died in 1676, soon after the birth of her youngest child. Her husband was a freeman of Hadley in 1666, and died February 3, 1698, at the age of eighty-one. He is said by Farmer to have been "the ancestor of all the divines by the name of Barnard, who have graduated at Harvard, except John (H. C. 1700) of Marblehead, and Jeremiah (H. C. 1773) of Amherst, N. H." After the death of Hannah, Barnard married as his second wife, in 1677, widow Frances Dickinson.

4 The children of Hannah and Francis Barnard were six ; the dates and  
order of their birth are not certainly known: i. *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> born in Hartford,  
5 graduated at Harvard in 1679; he was the third minister of Andover,  
Mass., and died October 13, 1718; ii. *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> born in Hadley, who  
6 probably died in 1728; iii. *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> born in Deerfield, who was mortally  
7 wounded by Indians, August 18, and died September 6, 1695; iv. *Hannah*,<sup>2</sup>  
who married: first, in 1667, Dr. John Westcar of Hadley; and, secondly,  
8 in 1680, Simon Beaman of Hadley and Deerfield; v. *John*,<sup>2</sup> who, it is  
said, was slain September 18, 1675, with Capt. Lathrop, in the battle of  
9 Bloody Brook; vi. *Sarah*,<sup>2</sup> who died in 1676.<sup>19</sup>

Matthew and Reginold were among the earliest settlers of Hartford ; I have said that these were brothers ; such has always been the family-tradition ; such was the opinion of the late Sylvester Judd of Northampton, the eminent genealogist, who carefully investigated the matter about fifty years ago ; Savage also came to the same conclusion, as did my father.

<sup>19</sup> See History of Hadley, p. 450 ; Savage gives some further particulars. I have been informed that Gen. Barnard, of the U. S. Engineer Corps, and his brother, the late Pres. Barnard, of Columbia College, trace their descent from this Francis and Hannah, but I have not verified it.

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MATTHEW MARVIN embarked with his family for New England, April 15, 1635, in the "Increase," Robert Lea, Master, "having taken the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacie: As also being conformable to the Government and discipline of the Church of England, whereof they brought testimony p'r Cert. from y<sup>e</sup> Justices and ministers where there abodes have latlie been." The record of their departure is contained in a MS. folio, in the "Augmentation Office" so called, in London,<sup>20</sup> and the names of many of his fellow-passengers in the ship have been printed in early volumes of "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register," and in Drake's "Founders of New England." By this roll, where his own name is spelled Marvyn, and that of his family in two other ways, it appears that he was then thirty-five years of age. He is called "Husband-man," and his party consisted of his wife, "Elizabeth Marvynn, *uxor*, [aged] 31; Elizabeth Marvinn, 31 [which, as he had a daughter of the name, it can hardly be doubted, is an error for 11]; Matthew Marvynn, 8; Marie Marvynn, 6; Sara Marvynn, 3; Hanna Marvynn, ½;" immediately following is the name of "Jo: Warner, 20." I suppose him to be the same who afterwards purchased Reginold's property in Farmington. The vessel probably sailed on or very near the date above given, as this is the last entry of her passengers, and must have arrived about the first of June.

Matthew settled first at Hartford, Conn., where he was an original proprietor in 1635. Mr. S. W. Adams, in his contribution to "The Memorial History of Hartford County,"<sup>21</sup> a volume to which I am indebted for several facts of interest, names Matthew Marvin among the twelve "very earliest emigrants" whose names are known, and who "formed the company thereafter known as Adventurers," to whom

<sup>20</sup> In several places in these Manuscript Records in the "Augmentation Office," the "Certificates from the Justices and ministers," brought by persons proposing to leave England, are spoken of as "filed." It is not certainly known whether any of those old files are still preserved or not. If they could be exhumed from the mass of papers which are stored up in the archives of these various departments, what a flood of light it would shed on American Genealogy! Is it too much to hope that Mr. Waters, whose researches have proved so valuable, may yet have the good fortune to discover them?

<sup>21</sup> i. p. 221.

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belonged the section of about thirty-five acres known in the Hartford Records as "Venturers' Field." This seems to show that he was one of the second party who arrived in Hartford, in November 1635. From this we may infer that he spent the few months, after his arrival in New-England, near Boston; but a careful examination of the notices of the people in Newtown and Dorchester, who are known to have left those places with "Hooker's Company," has not, thus far, given me any light on this point. He was a member of Hooker's church, and was surveyor of highways in 1639 and 1647; while in Hartford he resided on the corner of Village (now Pleasant) and Front streets; thence he removed to Norwalk, Conn., where he seems to have been one of the original settlers, his name appearing in the earliest known lists of the proprietors of Norwalk, dated June 19, 1650, and of "Estates of lands and accommodations" of 1655. His home-lot in Norwalk, as originally granted, was "bounded east by Town's Highway, west by Daniel Kellogg's home-lot, north by Thomas Fitch's home-lot, south by Meeting-house yard and Matthew Marvin Jr.'s home-lot." The "meeting-house yard and ancient parade" was on the corner of the street called East Avenue in the map in Hall's "Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk," published in 1847, and of "the ancient county road from Stamford to Fairfield." His daughter Hannah, who married Thomas Seymour, lived almost directly opposite, a little to the south. His son Matthew's lot was between the Kellogg home-lot and the "Meeting-house greene," running back to his father's estate, and fronting south on the road to Stamford.

In the agreement with Ludlow, dated June 19, 1650, and in the deed from Runckingeage and other Indian owners, dated February 15, 1651, Matthew's name is third; again, in the patent for confirmation, of the General Court, dated July 8, 1686,<sup>22</sup> "Mr. Matthew Marven" is mentioned as the sixth patentee, with Mr. Thomas Fitch and others. The use of the title "Mr.," and the various duties with which he was intrusted by his fellow-citizens, show that he was one of the leading men of the town, from

<sup>22</sup> See Hall's Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk, pp. 32, 35 and 38.



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the beginning. He was Deputy to the General Court in 1654; in the List of Estates in 1655, he is rated for £279; the rate of Thomas Fitch, who appears to have been the wealthiest of the original proprietors, being placed at £314; his son, Matthew Marvin Jr., was rated for £139.10. The names of both the Matthews are often mentioned on the early Town Records, quoted by Hall. When the meeting-house was to be erected, in 1665, the elder Matthew and Fitch were appointed to "call out as many men as they think fitt . . . to fell and cut the timber, etc." In this meeting-house, when completed, Thomas Fitch, as the King's Commissioner, was, by vote of the Town, seated<sup>21</sup> "in the upper great round seat."

Matthew's first wife was Elizabeth —, who came with him from England, as already mentioned. The record shows that she was born about 1604, but I have not learned her father's name. She was the mother of all his children. The date of her death is uncertain. Late in life he married, as his second wife, Mrs. Alice Kellogg, whom my father thought to have been the widow of Daniel Kellogg, one of the original settlers of Norwalk, whose lot adjoined Matthew's and that of his son. Matthew probably died in 1680; his Will is preserved in the Probate Office at Fairfield, dated December 20, 1678, and the Inventory is dated July 13, 1680; but the Will does not mention all his children, those who are omitted, with the exception of Samuel who is supposed to have died in childhood, having, it would seem, been otherwise provided for. He appoints "my sonne John Bowton, and John Platt, the Executors of this my last Will and Testament." His children were:

- 10     i. *Elizabeth*,<sup>2</sup> born about 1624; who married: first, Thomas Gregory; and, secondly, Dr. John Olmsted of Hartford, afterwards of Saybrook, and later, from about 1660, of Norwich. Dr. Olmsted came to New England in 1632; he was a proprietor of Hartford, "by courtesie of the

<sup>21</sup> From the Norwalk Records it appears that "the generality" were "to be seated according to the Lists of Estates by which the men payd for the defraying the charges about the building and finishing the said house" (December 24, 1686). For the relative dignity of the seats, etc., see Hall's *Norwalk*, pp. 80, 81, 99, 100.

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town," in 1639, having a home-lot on the west side "of the road from George Steel's to the Great Swamp." This swamp was between the Wethersfield road and the ridge of Rocky Hill. He served in King Philip's War as a surgeon, and was the first physician in Norwich. He died August 2, 1686, *s. p.*; his widow died in 1689. "Having no children, and well off in the world, is probably the reason she is not mentioned in her father's Will."

- 11        ii. *Matthew*,<sup>2</sup> born about 1627 (see below).
- 12        iii. *Mary*,<sup>2</sup> born about 1629; who married, October 11, 1648, in  
Hartford, Richard Bushnell of Saybrook; by whom she had four children:  
13        1. *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> born in Saybrook, May 1651; who married Mary Leffingwell  
of Norwich, in 1673; and died December 23, 1748, aged ninety-seven;  
14        2. Dea. *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> born September 1652; who married, December 7,  
1672, Elizabeth Adgate, his step-sister, by whom he had two sons and two  
15        daughters; *Annie*,<sup>4</sup> the eldest daughter, married William Hyde, and their  
16        daughter *Elizabeth*<sup>5</sup> married the elder Dr. Theophilus Rogers, grandfather  
17        of *Elizabeth*<sup>7</sup> Rogers who married General Elihu Marvin, whose only son,  
my father Theophilus Rogers, thus united the Reginold and Matthew  
lines;<sup>21</sup> Dea. Richard was one of "the early magistrates of Norwich, a  
man of very considerable wealth and influence, and a member of the  
colonial legislature;" he died in Norwich, August 27, 1727; his wife,  
the daughter of his mother's second husband, was born in Saybrook in  
18        1651; 3. *Mary*,<sup>3</sup> born in Saybrook, January 1655; who married Thomas  
19        Leffingwell; 4. *Maria*,<sup>3</sup> born in Saybrook in 1657; who died unmarried in  
1748. Mary (12) married, secondly, in 1659 or 1660, Dea. Thomas Adgate,  
and was his second wife. In 1660 they removed with their children to  
20        Norwich, where they had four children: 1. *Abigail*,<sup>3</sup> born in Norwich,  
August 1661; who married, September 19, 1682, "the first Daniel Tracy  
21        of Norwich;" 2. *Sarah*,<sup>3</sup> born January 1664; who married, May 26, 1681,

<sup>24</sup> Having to name Gen. Elihu Marvin and his son my father, again, as descendants in the male line from Reginold, I do not count them in here. My father was eighth in descent from Matthew Marvin, and sixth from Reginold.

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22 "the second Christopher Huntington of Norwich, the first white male  
child born there;" 3. *Rebecca*,<sup>3</sup> born June 1665; who married, November  
28, 1687, Joseph Huntington of Norwich, the first of the name; they  
23 settled at Windham, Conn.; 4. *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> born March 1670; who married,  
June 15, 1692, Ruth Brewster; and died aged ninety-one. Mary (Marvin)  
Adgate died in Norwich, March 29, 1713.

It is remarkable how many descendants of this daughter of Matthew have been distinguished in the annals of New England and of other States as well. Chancellor Walworth, in his address at the Norwich Jubilee (printed in the volume giving an account of that celebration, p. 198 et seq.), gives a long catalogue of eminent men descended from Mary and her sister Hannah. In the space at my disposal I can name but a few.

From her second son, Richard (14) Bushnell, came Judge Thomas  
24, 25 Howard Ray<sup>8</sup> Tracy of Pennsylvania, Lieut.-Gov. John<sup>8</sup> Tracy<sup>25</sup> of New  
26 York, and Judge Elias<sup>7</sup> Perkins of New London, a Member of Congress.  
27 She was also an ancestress of Fanny<sup>7</sup> Rogers, the wife of Gov. Roger  
28 Griswold; of Hon. Lyman<sup>9</sup> Trumbull, U. S. Senator for Illinois; of Hon.  
29, 30 Judge Henry Rogers<sup>8</sup> Selden, Lieut.-Governor, and of Hon. Samuel Lee<sup>8</sup>  
Selden, Judge of the Court of Appeals, of New York; of Bishop Thomas  
31, 32 Hubbard<sup>8</sup> Vail, and of Chancellor Reuben Hyde<sup>7</sup> Walworth. Through  
her daughter Sarah (21), who married Dea. Christopher Huntington, was  
33 descended her great grandson Eleazar<sup>5</sup> Wheelock, founder of the Indian  
School at Lebanon, and the first President of Dartmouth College; the  
34 second President of the same College, Col. John<sup>6</sup> Wheelock, a distinguished  
35 officer of the Revolution, and Rev. President John Thornton<sup>7</sup> Kirkland,<sup>35</sup>  
of Harvard, were also descendants.

<sup>25</sup> Gov. Tracy was doubly descended from Matthew's daughter Mary. He was of the eighth generation from Matthew through Richard Bushnell's granddaughter Elizabeth Leffingwell, who married the second John Tracy (see Hyde Gen. p. 30); and of the seventh through Mary (Marvin) Adgate's grandson, the third Christopher Huntington (ibid. p. 61).

<sup>35</sup> His father, Rev. Samuel Kirkland, "was the son of Rev. Daniel Kirtland, but restored the old spelling of the family name"—Appleton's Cyclop. of Amer. Biography, iii. p. 555.

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36 From Rebecca (22), her youngest daughter, descended Samuel<sup>6</sup>  
Huntington, one of the Signers of the Declaration, and Governor and  
37 Chief Justice of Connecticut; and his nephew, the other Samuel<sup>6</sup> Hunting-  
38 ton, Chief Justice and Governor of Ohio; and Judge Enoch Huntington<sup>7</sup>  
Rosekrans, of the Supreme Court of New York. Two daughters of  
39, 40 Richard son of Mary (Marvin) Bushnell (Anne<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>) married  
brothers-of Elizabeth Hyde, from whom, as has been shown elsewhere, the  
Lords, McCurdys, and Marvins of both Reginold and Matthew lines, trace  
their descent, thus uniting another stream of kindred blood.

41 iv. *Sarah*<sup>2</sup> (daughter of Matthew), born about 1632; who was twice  
married: first, October 4, 1648, to Ensign William Goodridge (or  
Goodrich) of Wethersfield, Conn.; by whom she had five sons and four  
daughters. He was several times a Representative, and died in 1676,  
"leaving an estate of £915. for his children." Her second husband was  
Capt. William Curtis, one of the original settlers of Stratford, Conn., but  
she had no children by this marriage. She died in Stratford near the close  
42 of 1702. Her eldest daughter was *Sarah*,<sup>3</sup> born in 1649; who married,  
November 20, 1667, John Hollister Jr. of Glastonbury, Conn., the son of  
Lieut. John Hollister, an influential citizen of Wethersfield, Conn., who in  
1658, for some disagreement with the church in that place, relative to the  
same matters which were troubling the Hartford church, was excommuni-  
cated; he does not appear, however, to have lost his influence with his  
townsmen by the action of the church. She died about 1700. John  
43 Hollister died November 24, 1711, having had ten children. *Abigail*,<sup>3</sup> the  
youngest daughter of Sarah (41), was born June 5, 1662; she was married,  
September 15, 1680, to Thomas the son of Samuel and Susannah (Whiting)  
Fitch of Wethersfield, Conn.; and died November 7, 1684, immediately  
44 after the birth of her second daughter, *Sibbil*,<sup>4</sup> who died soon after.  
45 Thomas Fitch died October 17, 1704. *David*,<sup>3</sup> the youngest son, born  
May 4, 1667, was twice married: first, to Hannah Wright; and, secondly,  
to Prudence Churchill; and had seventeen children. He was a Lieutenant-

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Colonel in the "Old French War," and died January 23, 1755, aged eighty-eight. Lieut.-Gov. Chauncey<sup>6</sup> Goodrich, of Connecticut, who married a daughter of Gov. Oliver Wolcott, was his great grandson; Samuel G.<sup>7</sup> Goodrich ("Peter Parley") and Prof. Chauncey Allen<sup>7</sup> Goodrich, of Yale, were descendants of the fifth generation, and Aaron<sup>8</sup> Goodrich, Chief Justice of Minnesota under its territorial organization, was of the sixth generation from Col. David.<sup>27</sup>

v. *Hannah*,<sup>2</sup> born in 1634; who married, January, 1653, Thomas Seymour. He was probably born in England; he was the son of Richard, who was from Bury Pomeroy, Heytor Hundred, Devon, England; and an engraving of his arms and a notice of the family is given in "The Memorial History of Hartford County."<sup>28</sup> Among their descendants have been numbered many prominent citizens, including one of the Governors of Connecticut. Richard Seymour came from Hartford. He was a "Chimney viewer" in 1646; and an early settler in Norwalk, of which he was "Townsmen" in 1655. In 1673 the estates of his son Thomas, who perhaps preceded him there, were appraised at £100, and in 1687 his "Estate of Commonage" at £184.15. His home-lot fronted on the Highway, directly opposite the Meeting-house lot and the "Ancient Parade." I have the names of nine children: the eldest, *Hannah*,<sup>3</sup> born December 12, 1654, married October 12, 1675, Francis Bushnell, and had two daughters, *Hannah*<sup>4</sup> and *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> and perhaps other children; Lieut. *Matthew*,<sup>3</sup> the second son, born in 1669, was one of a committee appointed to represent the Town in some differences which arose relative

<sup>27</sup> "The Goodrich Family in America" (Chicago, 1889), just issued, has full accounts of the descendants of Ensign William Goodrich and Sarah Marvin. I notice it gives the date of Col. David's death as June 23, not January. I follow Savage, who gives January, and has also a few items apparently unknown to the compiler of that work; Mr. Savage gave my father the value of Ensign William's estate, and mentions his elections as Representative (1660, '2, '5 and '6), only one of which is given by the compiler. Savage thought that Ensign William was "probably not the progenitor of the eminent men bearing his name," but the work cited effectually disproves that theory. See also Goodwin's Genealogical Notes, pp. 137 and 252. "The Hollister Family of America" (Chicago, 1886), p. 33, has full accounts of their daughter Sarah's descendants.

<sup>28</sup> i. 258.

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to the question whether the old meeting-house should be repaired or enlarged. In 1672, in a list of the "children of the Town," Thomas Seymour is mentioned as having seven; his eldest daughter was apparently too old to be regarded as a child at that time, and there may have been others whose names I have not learned.

- 55       vi. *Abigail*,<sup>2</sup> born in Hartford about 1636; who married, January 1, 1656 (or 1657), as his second wife, John Bouton of Norwalk. He was one of the first settlers of the town, his home-lot being at a bend of the highway to Stamford, diagonally opposite his father-in-law's estate; he was a "French Protestant," and, as already mentioned, was one of the executors of the Will of Matthew Marvin Sr. In 1673 his estate of land was appraised at £100,<sup>29</sup> and in 1687 his "Estate of Commonage" at £184.15.
- 56       Among their children was *John*,<sup>3</sup> born September 30, 1659; who held the rank of Sergeant, and in January 1694 was appointed one of the town-committee of which his uncle Matthew was also a member, to "exercise their best prudence for to look out for and endeavour what in them lyeth in the use of all lawfull meanes, for to obtaine a Faithfull Minister and
- 57       Dispenser of the Word of the Gospell to us . . ." *Matthew*,<sup>3</sup> the second son, was born December 24, 1661; I suppose he was the "Lieut. Matthew Bowton," who in 1726, after some members of the church had withdrawn to form a Parish of the Church of England, was required in "His Majesties name to warn all y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Prime Antient Society . . . to meet together," from which meeting originated the present First Congregational Society, as a body apart from the Town.

- 58       vii. *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> born at Hartford, baptized February 6, 1648; who probably died in childhood, as mentioned above.

- 59       viii. *Rachel*,<sup>2</sup> baptized December 30, 1649, at Hartford; who married "Mr." Samuel Smith, not one of the original proprietors, but who perhaps came to Norwalk from Long Island before 1672, when he owned a parcel of land in "Indian Field." In 1673 his lands and accommodations were

<sup>29</sup> It will be noticed that this appraisal is identical in amount with that of his brother-in-law, Thomas Seymour.

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valued at £70. On the ancient Records he is called "sonne" by the first Matthew, who gave him, August 20, 1674, "haffe my home-lot and halfe my orchard, as it lyeth;" and provided in his Will that he should "have free egress to this land." February 20, 1680, he was granted a home-lot adjacent to "Strawberry Hill." Their eldest daughter was *Rachel*,<sup>30</sup> who married, May 13, 1697, Thomas son of Thomas and Mary (Messenger) Benedict, and had seven children.<sup>30</sup> Thomas was born in Norwalk, December 5, 1670. He was Surveyor several times between 1692 and 1723, Townsman, 1709-11, 1730 and 1732, and was called "Ensign" in 1717. Rachel, "the virtuous and pious consort," died December 1, 1737. Her husband married again, and died May 10, 1743.

Matthew (11) eldest son of the first Matthew Marvin, the only one of whom we have certain information, married, possibly before leaving Hartford, Mary —, her maiden name not learnt. He was in Norwalk, Conn., as early as 1655, and, as he received a home-lot of "three acres and two roods, bounded east by the Meeting-house greene, and north by his father's estate," I infer that he was then married. He was a man in whose judgment there was general confidence, and was often intrusted with important public business, by the church and the town. In 1669, with Thomas Fitch, he was chosen to treat with the Indians, touching certain lands, and the matter was "left to their discretion." In 1695 he was the first named on a committee to repair the bridge over Norwalk River, to act "according to their best judgement and prudence." In 1697 he was chairman of the committee to "signifie unto the Reverend Elders," at Rev. Mr. Buckingham's ordination, "the desire and good agreement of the Towne with the church," and also for "providing of a comfortable entertaynement for y<sup>e</sup> Reverend Elders and Messengers, when heare at y<sup>e</sup> time of Ordination." The last mention of his name on the Town Records

<sup>30</sup> See Hall's Norwalk, pp. 203 and 205. The Genealogy of the Benedicts in America, p. 28, etc., gives particulars of Rachel's descendants. Probably Samuel Smith (born in Norwalk about 1634) who was one of the first settlers of Ridgefield, Conn., and married Sarah Whitney, and Ruth Smith who married Jonah Keeler, were children of Samuel and Rachel (Marvin) Smith. See Whitney Family, pp. 19 and 79.

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is in 1702; he was then advanced in age, and it was voted that he have "liberty to sitt in the Deacon's Seat, before the Pulpitt, for the benefitt of his hearing the Word preached." He died in 1712, aged upwards of eighty-five. He had seven children.

60½ His eldest daughter was probably *Mary*,<sup>3</sup> who married Lieut. Daniel son of the first Thomas Benedict, born in Southold, L. I., in 165—, but removed to Norwalk and was a soldier in the "Direful Swamp Fight," for which he received a grant of "Twelfe acres of land" which "lyeth in three parcels." He sold his property in Norwalk March 25, 1690, and went to Danbury, Conn. The date of his death is unknown, but he was living in February 1723. They had four children.

The sons of Matthew Jr. were born in Norwalk, and were :

- 61 1. *Matthew*;<sup>3</sup> who married Rhoda daughter of Mark St. John; and  
62 died in 1691, leaving a daughter *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> born October 7, 1689.  
63 2. Lieutenant *Samuel*;<sup>3</sup> who was Townsman 1702, and Representative  
64-66 in 1718. He had at least four sons:<sup>31</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> and  
66½ *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> of whom Matthew was probably the eldest (see below). He was  
in Wilton (then a "parish" in Norwalk) February 14, 1732.  
67 3. *John*,<sup>3</sup> born September 2, 1678; who married: first, March 22,  
1704, Mary daughter of James Beers of Fairfield; who died April 17,  
1720, having had seven children; he married, secondly, April 27, 1721,  
Rachel daughter of Matthias St. John. By this marriage he also had  
seven children, two of whom died in infancy. He was a Representative  
in 1734 and 1738; in 1752 he removed to Sharon, Conn., where he died  
68 February 9, 1774. His eldest son, Lieut. *John*<sup>4</sup> Jr., born July 22, 1705,  
who married Abigail St. John, resided in Wilton, and had fourteen children;  
the youngest was probably born in Sharon, whither he removed in 1748, and  
which he represented in 1756 and 1768; in 1770 he removed to Brook-  
haven, L. I., where he died August 25, 1775 (one account says 1783).

<sup>31</sup> I have little doubt that Isaac Marvin, the ancestor of many of the name in Ohio, was a son of this Samuel; and possibly Lewis, whose daughter Elizabeth married Samuel Jarvis (see Jarvis Genealogy), was another, but as I have not established this, I do not number them here.



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69 One of the sons of John Jr. (68) was Capt. *Benjamin*,<sup>5</sup> who was  
born September 30, 1737, and married Mehitabel (209) Marvin of the  
line of Reginold. He removed with his father to Long Island, but  
during the Revolution he was compelled by pillagers from the British  
70 army, who destroyed his property, to return to Connecticut. He had a  
son, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup> Jr., born November 17, 1762, who was, though quite  
young, actively engaged in the Continental army. The latter settled in  
Charlton, N. Y., where he died at the advanced age of ninety-five, greatly  
71 respected and still remembered as "an honest, consistent Christian man,  
whose word was as good as his bond." *Timothy*,<sup>7</sup> the youngest son of  
Benjamin Jr., resided at Charlton, where he died January 1, 1847; an  
obituary spoke very highly of his character, and of "his private and  
72 unostentatious beneficence." A daughter of Timothy, *Emeline*,<sup>8</sup> married,  
May 20, 1846, Rev. Augustus Horton Seeley, and was a missionary  
to India.

73 Another son of John Jr. (68) was Hon. *Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> who was born in  
Wilton, April 6, 1741. In early life he was a farmer living in Sharon, but  
his solicitude for his first-born son, who finally died of a disease which  
baffled his physicians, led him to study medicine; he settled in Stillwater  
and later in Lansingburg, N. Y. A relative has given me the following:

"His practice was extensive and laborious, and in difficult and dangerous cases  
few ventured to compete with him. He served as Captain with Ethan Allen and  
Benedict Arnold at Crown Point and Ticonderoga, and was later a Surgeon in the  
Revolutionary army. During the battle of Saratoga, the house occupied as a hospital  
74 was so near the scene of action that he dared not expose his wife and daughter  
*Minerva*<sup>[6]</sup> to the flying bullets. They were placed in the cellar, and busied themselves  
in preparing lint and bandages for the wounded, during the day and night, which  
were passed up through a hole in the floor. On the morning after the battle his son  
74½ *Ebenezer*<sup>[6]</sup> Jr. was born. A few days after, Mrs. Marvin, with her infant on a pillow  
in her lap and her eldest daughter behind her on the same horse, started for Connecticut  
through the wilderness, the path marked only by blazed trees. The autumn-  
rains were falling, and they camped at night in the woods, among wild beasts and  
hostile Indians. In 1781 he settled in Tinmouth, Vt., and in 1794 in Franklin. He

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gradually gave up the medical profession and, though without preliminary education in that science, began the practice of law. There was a strong and uniform confidence in his wisdom and probity; he was chosen Judge of Rutland County Court in 1783, and subsequently for nearly twenty years was Chief Judge of Rutland, Chittenden, and Franklin Counties; for this position he possessed uncommon qualifications, and in it displayed marked official impartiality. He was also for twenty years a member of the Executive Council, and the adoption of the Constitution of 1793 was largely due to his influence. In person he was august and impressive, at least six feet in height, of large frame, broad-shouldered, strong and muscular. In politics he was a Federalist of the Washington school, and in religious preferences and profession a Churchman. His wife was a keen observer, and a quick judge of character, endowed with ready and pungent wit. He died in Franklin, in November 1820, aged seventy-nine. Many of his descendants are now living in Vermont and New York."

75 Capt. Matthew (64) eldest son of Samuel was born in October  
1702, and died about 1746; he married Elizabeth Clark, and had seven  
children; the eldest was *Hannah*,<sup>5</sup> who was born September 30, 1732, and  
76 died in 1806; the others were sons. Of these the eldest was Deacon  
*Matthew*<sup>5</sup> Jr., born October 31, 1734; who married, January 3, 1760,  
Deborah Burnet. Their house in Wilton, erected in 1760, and still stand-  
ing, was occupied till two years ago by his descendants. It was a rallying-  
point for Revolutionary officers stationed near Norwalk, where they were  
ever welcome and generously entertained. In December 1777 he was one  
of the committee "for providing for the families of those that are in the  
army," and was Commissary for supplies during the war. He died  
October 13, 1791, having had four children; of whom the eldest was  
77 *Matthew*<sup>6</sup> (see below).  
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Col. *Ozias*,<sup>5</sup> a younger brother of Matthew (76), was born January 29,  
1737. He also was active in the patriot-cause during the Revolution, and  
one of a committee "of Inspection," to observe the conduct of those  
who were judged inimical to the country.

"In April 1775 a party of British troops landed on the coast, and did much  
damage to the residents in the neighborhood of Norwalk; Colonel Marvin was then

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Captain of the Norwalk militia, and with the company of Stamford was ordered out to assist in repelling the enemy. They passed the first night at Saugatuck, and Captain Marvin took the responsibility of providing for his command at his own expense, for which some years later the Legislature ordered him to be paid. The account is still preserved, by which it appears that not only sixty pounds of dried beef, but forty-five gallons of rum, eight pounds of sugar and twenty-four case bottles, were found necessary for the wants of the soldiers. This copious supply of liquid refreshment is probably explained by the comment of the narrator, who informs us that the weather was 'cold and chilly.' The men marched the next morning, did good service in the fight which followed at Ridgefield, and forced the British to their ships."

79 He married, in 1761, Sarah Lockwood, and died in May 1807. He had twelve children; of whom the eldest, *Ozias*,<sup>6</sup> settled in Clinton, N. Y., was three times married, and had seven children. He "was remarkable as a man of kindness and peace, and gave constant evidence of his interest in the cause of religion by his liberality in sustaining objects of benevolence." He was for nearly fifty years connected with the Congregational church in Clinton, and died April 10, 1848, aged eighty-six. His nephew, 80 Hon. *David Meeker*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, was a member of the Connecticut Senate in 1849.

81 Another son of *Ozias* (78) was *Asa*,<sup>6</sup> who was also one of the early 82 settlers of Clinton, and the father of the late *Le Grand*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, for many years a prominent lawyer of Buffalo, and as noted, though in a different way, for his eccentricity, as the famous Deacon Reinold.

Le Grand (82) Marvin was born in Clinton, N. Y., November 9, 1807. He was graduated from Hamilton College in 1828; passed two years as a school-teacher in Maryland, and went to Buffalo in 1831. After 83 the graduation of his brother *George Lockwood*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, from Yale, and his admission to the bar, the brothers formed, in 1838, the firm of Le G. & G. L. Marvin. They achieved instant success and enjoyed a large practice. The partnership lasted till 1874, when differences arose between them relative to the large estate left by their mother (Sarah

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Lockwood, a niece and namesake of their grandmother). The quarrel became more bitter as time passed, and much litigation ensued. When Le Grand died, December 2, 1887, a suit was pending, and he made arrangements in his Will to have it carried to a conclusion. He was at his death the oldest lawyer at the Erie County bar.

"During the last years of his life he lived alone, befriended by those who had known him in his earlier days: to these he left \$40,000, and the remainder of his estate he bequeathed to the Buffalo Library, of which he was one of the founders. The value of the estate is as yet problematical. He was a deep legal and theological student, very methodical in his habits, and extremely eccentric in manner, dress, and even in his writings. These were unique in their way: he wrote spasmodically and punctuated everything with dashes, scorning the use of the other marks. He kept a curious diary, in which he recorded the names of all his visitors, giving the time of their calls, the nature of their business, and sometimes the whole conversation. He was fond of entering his criticisms on the arguments of clergymen and lawyers, and tearing them to pieces in his own peculiar style."

He was greatly interested in our genealogy, and had gathered much information on the Matthew branch.

The second son of Samuel (63) Marvin, Samuel Jr. (65), married, November 25, 1735, Deborah Clark, and had four children. His brother Josiah (66) had seven sons and three (or four) daughters, having married four times; he died about 1780. A portion of this family were "Loyalists;" one son, *Josiah*<sup>5</sup> Jr., died on Long Island, while serving in the British army; his brother *John*<sup>5</sup> was a "Refugee;" and settled in the British Provinces, where he served in the Provincial Parliament; many of his descendants are now living there, while others have returned to the United States. *Daniel*<sup>5</sup> (the eldest son of Josiah) was the father of *David*<sup>6</sup> Marvin, born in Fairfield, Conn., November 23, 1771; who was one of the first settlers of Otsego County, N. Y. He married Sabrina Coggeshall, and had five children. About 1788 he removed to Otsego, where he died February 17, 1855, aged eighty-four. Through his instrumentality the Methodist Church became well established in that vicinity;

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88 "he shared actively in its trials and triumphs for more than forty years,"  
and sustained various official positions in its direction. He was familiarly  
known as "Father Marvin;" a prominent business-man, he acquired a  
88½ handsome estate. One of his sons was the Rev. *Martin*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church; and a daughter, *Sarah Maria*,<sup>7</sup> married the  
Rev. Henry F. Row, of that communion.

89 *Ichabod*<sup>5</sup> youngest son of Samuel (65) Marvin married Martha Kellogg,  
89½ by whom he had ten children; the youngest, *Azor Smith*<sup>6</sup> of New York, was  
the founder of the Company which construct the famous "Marvin Safes."

90 *Elihu*,<sup>4</sup> the youngest son of John (67) and Mary (Beers) Marvin,  
born October 10, 1719, married Abigail Yelverton. He resided in  
Blooming Grove, N. Y., where he died August 17, 1803, in the eighty-  
fourth year of his age. He served actively in the Revolution in the  
positions of Colonel and Brigadier General. He was also a Judge of the  
Court, and for many years Deacon in the church. "It may with justice  
be said that few men have been more useful to society than he." His  
91 eldest son, *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> born February 15, 1745, held the rank of Colonel, having  
risen from a Captaincy. "In times of the greatest trial both stood firm in  
92 the friendship and defence of their country." *Anthony*,<sup>5</sup> his youngest son,  
born November 10, 1764, married Abigail Paine, and was a lawyer;  
several times he served in the New York Legislature, and he was the first  
Surrogate of Delaware county, a position he held until his death in 1811.

Hon. Matthew (77) eldest son of Matthew and Deborah (Burnet)  
Marvin resided at Wilton, Conn. He was graduated at Yale in 1785,  
intending to study medicine; but feeble health prevented him from taking  
up that profession. He engaged successfully in mercantile affairs; for  
several years he represented the town of Wilton in the Legislature, and  
was a Judge of the County Court.

"These offices his stern integrity and sound judgment enabled him to fill with  
distinguished reputation. . . . 'Esquire Marvin,' as he was most frequently called,

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was tall, well-proportioned, dignified in manner, active, clear-headed and resolute ; by natural gifts, by education and the possession of property, well fitted to exercise an extraordinary and salutary influence in the parish and town. Around his fireside and at his table cheerfulness and hospitality were constant guests. He was an active member of the Congregational church, a wise councillor in cases of difficulty, and a pacificator in times of strife. His prepossessing aspect of gravity and mildness secured great deference for all his advice."

He died June 6, 1842, having had five children, all by his first wife, Nancy St. John of Norwalk.

93 It would not be in accordance with the plan of these monographs to  
94 carry farther the line of Matthew Marvin, the first of the name. It has  
produced many men of distinction, among whom may be mentioned, beside  
those already named, the late Governor and Chief Justice *Stephen*<sup>7</sup> Royce  
of Vermont, whose mother was Minerva (74) Marvin ; and his nephew,  
Hon. *Homer Elihu*<sup>8</sup> Royce, the present Chief Justice, now a resident of  
St. Albans, Vt. Our direct line is but remotely connected with Matthew,  
except by occasional intermarriages, which will be noted as we proceed.<sup>32</sup>

We now return to our own ancestral line, that of Reginold.

REGINOLD (1) MARVIN was our direct ancestor. I suppose he was the elder of the two brothers, and the first to seek a home in New England. I reach this conclusion from the fact that his name is not found on the lists of those who sailed near the time when Matthew left England, and subsequently, which were discovered by Savage and printed by him in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (III. Series, Vol. 8), and later by Drake and Hotten. From this I infer that he came before the time at which those lists begin ; but I have been unable to learn the name of the vessel which brought him, the date of his arrival, or place of his first residence. It is probable that he landed in Boston, and there seems some reason to believe that he may have tarried for a short time either in

<sup>32</sup> For further information regarding the Matthew line see The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. xvi., pp. 235, et seq.; Hall's Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk ; the various Genealogies already cited ; and the *Pedigree of Marvin*.

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Newtown (Cambridge) or Dorchester.<sup>33</sup> I have found no record of his name in either of these places, or of the births of his son and daughter. As these must have been born in 1634 or earlier, I think we may conclude that Reginold with his wife, whose name I suppose was Mary, and children, probably arrived in the winter of 1634-35.

His stay in Boston or its vicinity, like that of Matthew, must have been brief. The first mention of him is found in Hartford, whither he very likely went with Matthew in Hooker's company, for the Records show that he was a member of the First Church there before 1639. His lot was at the north end of the "West Field," near Thomas Upson, Thomas Barnes and others. He did not long remain there, but removed to Farmington, of which he is known to have been one of the earliest proprietors. The exact date cannot now be ascertained, for I have been informed the Records of the latter place begin with 1646, and he left Hartford about 1639, probably near the close of that year. The sketch of Farmington by Pres. Porter in "The Memorial History of Hartford County"<sup>34</sup> does not mention him among the other settlers, but records him as an owner only. We know that Matthew also owned land there, and Reginold's property consisted, as the Rev. W. S. Porter wrote my father, of "a prominent home-lot of five acres, on the west side of the Main Street, having Mr. Wyllys of Hartford on one side, and Mr. Hopkins on the other."

The first settlers were there in 1640, or a little before, and from the date of his leaving Hartford I am inclined to regard Reginold as one of the very earliest; perhaps he was the "first adventurer," so pleasantly alluded to by Dr. Porter, in his sketch of the town. If not a settler there, we cannot account for him during the interval previous to his appearance in Lyme. Whether a settler in Farmington or not, here he built a house. His home-

<sup>33</sup> Many of the Hartford settlers went from Dorchester, Mass., which was settled largely from Dorset, England, a fact which influenced its name. There was a branch of the Fonthill-Giffard Marvyns in Dorset, England, as has been stated above.

<sup>34</sup> ii. p. 166.

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lot with other lands, and the house, described as "new," he subsequently sold to John Warner, who also came thither from Hartford,<sup>35</sup> and was a fellow-passenger with Matthew and his family in the "Increase." The transfer is recorded at Farmington. Thence he removed to Lyme,<sup>36</sup> where he passed the remainder of his life, though owning a home-lot and considerable land under cultivation in Saybrook, of which place he was, I presume, a temporary resident while erecting his house in Lyme. He was made a Freeman of Lyme May 20, 1658, "at a Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Election,"<sup>37</sup> He owned land on both sides of the river, but principally in Lyme; and considerable portions of the original estate in the latter place have remained in the name or blood to the present time.

Lyme grew slowly; in 1667 "there were scarcely thirty families" there. Miss Caulkins says<sup>38</sup> that the meadows and corn-fields on the east side of the Connecticut River (Lyme) "were first cultivated by armed men, who came over" from Saybrook "with guns and pikes, as well as agricultural implements, to mow the marshes, and to plant and gather the harvests." Among these "armed men," no doubt, were Reginold with his son Reinold, and his son-in-law Waller, both of whom were early intrusted with military rank; the latter was appointed an Ensign, October 13, 1661, as will be seen below, and appears on many occasions as a leader among

<sup>35</sup> As we find John Warner in Hartford with Reginold and Matthew, and later in Farmington, I think there can be no doubt that Savage was not correct in his supposition that he settled elsewhere. He may have been a brother of Andrew Warner of Farmington, and, if so, was the son of John Warner of Gloucestershire, England. Samuel Wyllys, who owned the lot adjoining Reginold's in Farmington, and who was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, was the son of George of Warwickshire. In a previous note I have mentioned that I find allusions to our name in both these counties, and have referred to the fact that in Gloucestershire the names of Reginold and Matthew seem to be of more frequent occurrence than in the other counties where search has been made. Whether the companionship of Warner with the Marvins affords a clue to their English home, we cannot tell.

<sup>36</sup> It will be seen from what has been said of Matthew's daughter Mary, who married Richard Bushnell of Saybrook, and afterwards Dea. Thomas Adgate of the same place, that she was residing there not long before Reginold went thither. They may have turned his attention to that place; soon after he settled there, however, Adgate and his family went to Norwich.

<sup>37</sup> See Colonial Records of Connecticut, i. p. 315.

<sup>38</sup> See History of New London, by Miss Caulkins, pp. 162, 167, 168, 176, etc.; and *Grisswold*.



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his townsmen—notably so in the famous quarrel with the men of New London, concerning their eastern boundary.

A Reinold Marvin is several times mentioned in the Connecticut Colonial Records;<sup>39</sup> it appears that in 1660 he and Waller had a difficulty with one William Parker, in reference to certain “jades” (horses) which were claimed by “the country,” and Matthew Griswold was also concerned in it in some way, adversely to Reinold. The latter was ordered to surrender them, but declined to obey, considering the demand unjust. Accordingly in 1662–3 the “Marshall was ordered to distrein the sum of £50 of his estate for neglecting the order.” The penalty was apparently exacted,<sup>40</sup> but later it appears that the colonial claim was found to be unjust, at least to some extent, for Waller, as Reinold’s agent, was “allowed one-quarter part of this bill of £50, as his part of the horses, and Matthew Griswold was ordered not to trouble William Waller or Renold Marvin for any part of the horses for which the bill is made.”

The witchcraft-delusion threw its dark shadow over Connecticut at an early day. The first execution appears to have occurred in Hartford in 1646,<sup>41</sup> and in 1657 a Mrs. Garlick, who had been employed in the family of Capt. Lyon Gardiner, some time in command of the Fort at Saybrook, was brought to trial at Hartford for this crime, but was not convicted. She was then of Easthampton, L. I. Whether we are to look for the origin of the excitement which soon after broke out in Saybrook to her influence, can not now be determined, but it is clear that “witchery” began to trouble the good people of that vicinity about that time, for we

<sup>39</sup> See Connecticut Colonial Records, i. pp. 354, 367, 375, 397, 404. I am unable to satisfy myself whether these refer to the father, the son, or both. As the father is once or twice termed “goodman”—which term, says Drake, “at that time was applied to the same persons who are elsewhere on the Records called “Mr.,” and from which, therefore, no estimate of social standing can be justly drawn—while the son was at that time a commissioned officer, and as we know that even Corporals were duly honored by their military title, we might infer it was the elder; yet from the order to Matthew Griswold “not to trouble . . . Renold,” the elder then being dead, this is uncertain.

<sup>40</sup> History of Norwalk, p. 102; and Hinman’s Puritan Settlers. The latter is quite sarcastic on the authorities and “Dutch justice.”

<sup>41</sup> See Winthrop’s Journal, ii. 307.

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find the General Court in 1659 passing an order that Mr. Samuel Wyllys<sup>42</sup> be "requested to goe downe to Sea Brook, to assist y<sup>e</sup> Maior in examining y<sup>e</sup> Suspitions about Witchery, and to act therein as may be requisite."<sup>43</sup> As no later mention of this case has been found, it has been thought that the Commission did not find enough "witchery" to make any report thereon to the Court. But the trouble did not cease. The "wife of Reynold Marvin" died shortly after, under circumstances which led some to think she had been bewitched. Her death probably took place in the spring or summer of 1661, for at the Quarter Court held at Hartford, September 5, 1661, one Nicholas Jennings (a passionate fellow, who had been in trouble four years before for "beateing of a Cow of Ralph Keeler's") with his wife Margaret, both of Saybrook, were indicted for having "entertained familiarity with Sathan . . . and by his help done works about y<sup>e</sup> course of nature, to y<sup>e</sup> loss of y<sup>e</sup> liues of seueral p'sons and in p'ticular y<sup>e</sup> wife of Reynold Marvin . . . with other sorceries" (see **Notes on the Family of DeWolf**). The jury did not agree; a "majority found them guilty, and the rest found strong ground for suspicion."

This case seems to have escaped the notice of the historians of witchcraft, and the Court Records, as I am informed by Mr. C. J. Hoadly, do not show whether it was the wife of the elder Reginold or of his son the Lieutenant. It may have been the elder, but, as Lieutenant Marvin was then about twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old, and as there is some reason for thinking he was twice married, as will appear below, I incline to believe it was *his* first wife,<sup>44</sup> and that the incident shows approximately

<sup>42</sup> This was, no doubt, Reginold's friend and neighbor at Farmington.

<sup>43</sup> See Drake's *Annals of Witchcraft*, in *New England*, etc. . . . Boston, 1869, p. 112, where we learn that "the Maior" was "Major John Mason, long the chief military man of Connecticut. He was stationed at Saybrook in 1647."

<sup>44</sup> For our information concerning this case we are indebted to Mr. Hoadly, and to his discovery of the volume of the Connecticut Records so long missing from the State Archives. If it was the wife of Lieut. Reinold, I think that would confirm the theory suggested below, that Mary (not named in Clark's Will with his other children) was the eldest daughter by his first wife. As the first Reginold's

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the date of her death. The General Assembly, in March, 1662-3, disallowed the account of the "Sea Brook Constables" for witnesses, and sensibly refused to "pay for their time and travaile, nor to any other upon such accounts for y<sup>e</sup> future."<sup>45</sup>

It is not known where the elder Reginold and his wife were buried, but most probably the old burying-ground on the Meeting-House Hills was their resting-place, near where the first meeting-house stood; their graves, if there, cannot now be distinguished. On this "blustering height" stood successively three meeting-houses, two of which were destroyed by lightning; near the first of these the earlier settlers were laid to rest.

He died at Lyme, between May 23, the date of his Will, and October 28, the date of the Inventory, 1662; the latter document shows, as will be seen, that he was a man of a very handsome estate for the time. The Will seems to have been dictated, and is given below;<sup>46</sup> it was exhibited in Court, July 9, 1663, and ordered to be recorded, and "Renold Marvin was admitted to administer upon his estate."

"The last Will and Testament of Reynold Marvin, anno '62, May 23. Written from Mr. Renold Marvin's mouth, and willed by himself.

"Unto [torn off, but doubtless the name of his son Reinold was here] Marvin, I give my house and all my lands.

only daughter was Mary, and as Lieut. Reinold so named the one who we suppose was the eldest, while he named his second daughter after his second wife, this has given rise to the belief that Mary was probably the name both of his mother and of his first wife. At the next Quarter Court three "witches" were condemned (January 20, 1662), in whose examination "several worthy persons participated," among whom was the Rev. Samuel Hooker, the first minister of Farmington, Reginold's old home. See Drake's Annals, pp. 119-120.

<sup>45</sup> See Colonial Records, i. p. 397.

<sup>46</sup> The version of the Will I have given was transcribed from an ancient manuscript volume, for my father, in October, 1844, by the late Rev. W. S. Porter, who said: "I presume no one else in the State knows anything about this Will, or where to look to find it. It is in an odd volume, in an odd place, in the State House." I give it as furnished by him, with all its defects and omissions, most of which, however, are easily supplied by the reader. I am informed it has since been printed in one of the volumes of the Colonial Records of Connecticut, but do not find it.

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"I will that unto each of my Grandchildren there be provided and given a Bible as soon [torn] capeable using of them, and these be provided out of the executorship [torn] for the moveable household goods I doe will that my son Reinold in all particulars have [torn] and my daughter Mare one, as followeth, that he may have two feather Bedds and she one [torn] may have two pare of sheets & she one pare, as farr as they goe, and soe like [torn] concerning all moveable goods in the house.

"Concerning the Cowes and young Cattle, my will is that the forementioned distribut [torn] attended, excepting the fower oxen which I give unto my son Renold.

"Concerning my Wives wearing cloathes and linen belonging to her I leave it to my daughter Mare's dispose.

"My Horses and mares with their increase I give unto my son Renold. One horse or mare I give to Mare. Concerning the sheepe & swine I will that Renold have two parts and Mare one. There is a debt of twenty pounds due from John W [torn] of Farmington, which debt I give to my daughter Mare, excepting five pounds, which I shall leave with her to be disposed of according to my appoyntment. I appoynt my [torn] Wm. Waller to be executor of this will, to see to the performance of [torn] appoynt that 20 shillings be allowed out of my estate for his recom [torn]. That this is my act & deed I doe confirme by subscribing by my hand

Renold Mar [torn]

His sig [torn]."

"As witnesses of this forementioned  
will we subscribe our names

"John Lay Senior

"Jeremiah Peck."

The Inventory was taken 28 October, 1662, embracing

"17 cows 4 oxen &c. 4 mares 4 horses 4 colts.

"5½ acres wheat,—4½ a. of Pease 3½ a. Indian.

"Upland, meadow, homelott, & comonage on the towne side (Saybrook) £60, Houseing, Lands & comonage on the east side of the Riuer (Lyme) £150, 2 guns & 2 swords—Debts £67—Wearing apparel—70 lbs. wool—Beds—Linen—Pillion, Kitchen utensils—A silver spoon—Books 40s.—2 Brushes, an hower glasse & a looking glasse."

"Subscribed by

"James Cornish,

"William Lord."

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This Inventory, as furnished me, seems to be incomplete, yet it gives us a glimpse of the home-life of the man, and shows him to have been thoroughly in sympathy with his time. He must have brought considerable property with him. The gift of Bibles to his grandchildren, and the books in his house—rare treasures in colonial homes—exhibit a pleasant phase of his character; "Fower oxen" was then an unusual number to be owned by one person; we find a *single ox* mentioned in some of the Rate Lists of the day. The "guns" were the match-locks, or "snaphances," with which the trainbands were armed, each soldier being required by a regulation of 1642 to have two fathoms of "match" for each match-lock musket; while "cutlashes," or swords, of which the Inventory shows he possessed two, were, by a similar regulation of 1650, required for all soldiers; and among the "wearing apparel" it might be expected would be found one of those corselets of heavy cotton cloth, "basted with cotton wooll and made defensive against Indean arrowes," which the early settlers used for armor. From the disposition made of his wife's "wearing cloathes and linen," she must have died previously, probably not long before.

The house and lands, in accordance with the Will and English custom, falling to his only son, the latter became one of the wealthiest citizens, as well as one of the most extensive land-owners in Lyme. Mr. Judd wrote my father that the whole "Value of the estate, much of which was in lands, amounted to about £820, a large sum for that period of Colonial history." It is to be observed that the land is appraised at only one-quarter of the entire property; and we know his holdings were excelled in extent by only one or two, if indeed by more than one, of his townsmen.

William Waller, the executor named, was the husband of his daughter. "John W—," there can be no doubt, was John Warner, who purchased the Farmington property. "John Lay S'r.," one of the witnesses, was the first of the name in Lyme; he was in that town (East Saybrook) in 1648, and died in January, 1675, being "grown aged;" he had a son John Lay Jr., and a second of the same name, John (see **Notes on Pedigree of**

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**Lap**)—the elder son was the grandfather of Hepzibah Marvin, the great great grandmother of Mrs. Salisbury. One of the appraisers was James Cornish,<sup>47</sup> whose name, like our own, and that of Sheldon, another family formerly in Lyme, is common in Wilts and Dorset to-day. The English Sheldons and the Wiltshire Marvyns intermarried; the New England families of these names were close friends, settling in Litchfield together. The other appraiser was William Lord, "the very loving friend of Chapeto" (see **Lord**), and was probably from Essex, as already mentioned.

The children of Reginold were probably only two:

- 95 i. *Mary*,<sup>2</sup> the date of whose birth I have not ascertained. I am inclined to believe she was older than Reinold. She was married, perhaps as his second wife, to William Waller, previously of Salem, Mass., but who settled in Saybrook as early as 1649. He was a Representative in 1665, in the first Court after the Union with New Haven, and afterwards. He was appointed Ensign in 1661, was a Lieutenant in 1671 and 1672, and is frequently mentioned on the Connecticut Colonial Records.<sup>48</sup> October 11, 1666, he was appointed by the Court one of the "Comitte for enterteining and approveing such as are receaved inhabitants on y<sup>e</sup> East side y<sup>e</sup> River at Sea-Brook."<sup>49</sup> The children<sup>50</sup> of Mary (95) and William Waller were:
- 96-98 *William*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> (who died in New London in 1742, "very aged," says Miss Caulkins), and *Matthew*.<sup>3</sup> I have not found the date of Mary's death.
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- 100 ii. *Reinold*<sup>2</sup> (which spelling I shall hereafter use, as that most frequently employed by the descendants, as well as on the Records), born

<sup>47</sup> He was probably the third husband of the widow of Thomas Lee, and probably lived in Lyme before removing to Simsbury (see **Lee**).

<sup>48</sup> See also History of New London, ut supra: there are several references to his children in the same volume.

<sup>49</sup> Col. Rec. ii. 32.

<sup>50</sup> The names of these children are taken from the Will of Gregory Wolterton (or Wilterton), preserved in the Colonial Records, which Savage says is dated July 17, 1674; the Hartford Memorial volume gives the date as July 14. Savage names the children in a different order, says William was propounded to be Freeman in 1677, and gives the marriage of John.

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about 1633 or 1634. He is known as "Lieutenant Marvin" or "Lieut. Reinold," to distinguish him from his son of the same name, "Lyme's Captain" Reinold. He married, about 1663, probably as his second<sup>51</sup> wife, Sarah the second daughter of George Clark "Jr." of Milford, Fairfield Co., Conn., baptized there, according to Judd, February 18, 1644<sup>52</sup> (see **Clark Notes**, following this monograph).

Lieutenant Reinold Marvin became a Freeman of East Saybrook (Lyme) in 1658, on the same day with his father; he also was a large landholder in his own right, and prominent in town-affairs. Savage says, I do not know on what ground, that he was a Deacon. He represented Lyme in the General Court in 1670, and from 1672 to 1676. He was one of the committee appointed to divide the town of Saybrook in the year 1666. February 13 of that year the two divisions of Saybrook made a "loving parting," and the names of Reinold Marvin the second and his brother-in-law Waller were two of the six signed to the "parting covenant" for Lyme. The first land-records after the separate organization are attested by Matthew Griswold and Reinold Marvin. He was appointed "Sergeant to y<sup>e</sup> Band at Sea Brook," by the General Court, in their session at Hartford, October 3, 1661, at which time Waller was appointed Ensign.<sup>53</sup> He rose to be a Lieutenant in the "Train-band," and is generally referred to by his military title, which distinguishes him from his father, who had none, and his son, who was known as "Lyme's Captain." It is not improbable that, though holding only the rank of Lieutenant, Reinold was the commanding officer of the Lyme train-band.<sup>54</sup> Much dignity as well as responsibility attached to these military positions, as might well be

<sup>51</sup> I have given on a preceding page my reasons for supposing he had previously married (? Mary —). Mr. Salisbury also informs me that Sarah was his second wife, but cannot now recall his authority; perhaps it was the witchcraft-trial. I think there can be but little doubt of the correctness of this supposition.

<sup>52</sup> Hyde Genealogy gives the date of her birth as 1641.

<sup>53</sup> See Connecticut Colonial Records, i. 375.

<sup>54</sup> This is to be inferred from the custom of the time: every town, as is well known to those familiar with colonial history, was obliged to maintain its own military organization, and their leader was appointed or confirmed by the General Court, which often and perhaps usually ratified the choice of

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supposed, when we remember the perils to which the pilgrims were exposed, not alone from the savages who environed them, but from the Dutch at New Amsterdam, who were seeking to extend their power eastward, and to forestall whose designs the Fort at Saybrook was erected by Capt. Lyon Gardiner. A few years later, in 1678, that an election of Lieutenant and Ensign of the "Train-band at Lyme," to be approved by the General Court, "might be carried on in a solemn way . . . Mr. Noyes was desired to a Sermon at the time, which he was pleased accordingly to attend."<sup>55</sup>

His death occurred in 1676, but a few months after the futile attempt of Andros to seize the Fort at Saybrook, which on his approach was hurriedly manned by the militia of that town, under command of Capt. Bull, whose soldierly conduct at the famous interview with the Royal Governor will at once be recalled.<sup>56</sup> There can be little doubt that the "Train-band" of Lyme, under Lieut. Marvin, rallied promptly to the assistance of their neighbors, and were present at the critical moment, ready to aid in defending their rights under the Royal Charter. The Lieutenant was interred not far from the centre of the "Duck River Burying-ground." I believe there is no stone there with an earlier date. His grave is placed, somewhat singularly, nearly at right angles with all the others about it, except that of his widow, and the grave of her second husband which is between the two.

The widow of Lieut. Reinold Marvin married, February 12, 1678, Capt. Joseph Sill,<sup>57</sup> the famous fighter of the Indians, as his second wife,

his comrades; his rank depended on the number of soldiers; if few, they were under the orders of a Sergeant; a larger number required an Ensign; if thirty-two were enrolled, a Lieutenant was appointed; sixty-four composed a company, and their commander was a Captain. There were only about thirty families in Lyme in 1667, some years after Waller, Reinold's brother-in-law, had been chosen Ensign.

<sup>55</sup> See Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*, ii. 50.

<sup>56</sup> See Trumbull's *History of Connecticut*, i. pp. 328-30.

<sup>57</sup> Capt. Sill is frequently mentioned by Hubbard, in his *Indian Wars*, and Savage says he came from Cambridge to Lyme at the close of the war; to this a family-tradition adds that he changed his residence to escape the threatened vengeance of his Indian enemies. He was one of the most skillful



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by whom she had several children. One of her sons, Joseph, married Phoebe daughter of Lieut. Richard and Elizabeth (Hyde) Lord (see **Lord**). Sarah (Clark) Marvin-Sill "died February 1, 1715-16, aged 74."

The children of Lieutenant Reinold and Sarah (Clark) Marvin were five :

101        1. *John*,<sup>3</sup> born in Lyme in 1665 (see below).

102        2. *Mary*,<sup>3</sup> born in 1666 (?); who married, first, Richard Ely of Saybrook, Conn. He was the younger son of Richard Ely who had been a merchant of Boston in 1664, but had removed to Lyme, and was a brother of that William Ely who with Matthew Griswold was one of the Lyme champions, in the famous contests about the New London boundary. The children of Mary Marvin and Richard Ely were :

103        (1.) *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> who married Jane daughter of Lieut. Richard and Elizabeth (Hyde) Lord (see **Lord**), thus early uniting the families of Hyde, Lee, Lord and Marvin, whose frequent intermarriages later defy any attempt to state relationships. They resided at Saybrook, and had two children.

104        (2.) *Richard*,<sup>4</sup> who was twice married, and had thirteen children. His first wife was Elizabeth Peck, by whom he had four children ; of these the youngest daughter was *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> who married Col. Samuel Selden Jr.; 105 and had a daughter, *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> who married Dea. Elisha Marvin (see 106 below), and a son, *Richard E.*<sup>6</sup> Selden, the grandfather of the late Chief 107 Justice *Morrison Remick*<sup>8</sup> Waite.<sup>8</sup> 108

In a letter to my father many years ago, the late Sylvester Judd stated

as well as one of the bravest of the colonial officers who fought against the Indians. He died August 6, 1696, aged sixty. Chapman, in his abstract of the Lyme Records (N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., xxxiv. p. 39), calls his second wife "widow Susannah," doubtless an error.

<sup>88</sup> Hyde Genealogy, p. 48, names the two children of Samuel (103) Ely, and gives full particulars. The account of Richard Ely in the little book on the Lee Family is incomplete. Col. Samuel Selden Jr., who married Elizabeth Ely, was the son of Samuel and Deborah (Dudley) Selden, and there is a tradition that she was descended from Gov. Dudley ; but this is extremely doubtful.

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that Mary Marvin was the *second wife* of Richard Ely. In support of this opinion he sent the following document, which, he thought, proves this: I confess my inability to see how (to quote from his letter) "it shows that Richard had two wives, of whom Mary was the second." It is worthy of preservation on other grounds, and shows that Lieut. Reinold owned land in Saybrook which was even more valuable than his father's:

"Whereas, upon a meeting between Capt. Joseph Sill and Mr. Richard Ely, in behalf of Mary his wife, daughter to Lieut. Renauld Marvin, late of Lyme, with the Overseers, it appeareth that their remaineth due to the said Ely in behaffe of his Wife the Sume of thirty Pounds of the Ninety Pounds assigned to her by the Distribution of the Court. These are to desire Lieut. Abner Post and Sergt. John Chapman to view the twenty acres of upland and fourteen acres of meadow belonging to the Estate of Lieut. Renold Marvin, which lands are at Say Brook, and by the best of their judgment to determine what quantity of the said twenty acres of upland shall pay this thirty pounds, the whole of the upland and the medow being estimated at eighty pounds, and, in case the said Post and Chapman cannot agree, Then they are hereby desired and impowered to choose a third man an umpire, and, two of these three agreeing, to bee the final decision of the case."

"Given under our hands the 6 July, 1687.

"Unto the above said Agreement we  
who have subscribed have given our  
advice and consent.

"Joseph Sill.  
Richard Ely."

Moses Noyes.

Tho. Buckingham."

The Commission awarded sixteen acres of upland. Moses Noyes was the Minister of Lyme at the time, and Thomas Buckingham that of Saybrook. The latter was one of the founders of the institution which has since grown to be Yale University; and the former was a Fellow of the "Collegiate School," even before its removal from Saybrook, in effecting which his influence is said to have been decisive. Mr. Buckingham was ordained over the Saybrook church in 1660, when the "imposition of hands" was performed by the "brethren," instead of by the clergy, as had

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been the custom. This was considered by the clergy to be a very irregular proceeding, "but the Brethren," says Trumbull, "were so tenacious of what they esteemed their right that it could not be prevented without much inconvenience."<sup>59</sup> As at this time Lieut. Reinold and his father had been Freemen about two years, which implies church-membership, we may suppose that they were interested witnesses, if not active participants, on this exciting occasion.

After the death of Richard Ely Mary his widow married, secondly, June 6, 1699, Capt. Daniel Starling (or Sterling), by whom she had five children.

The third child, and second son, of Lieut. Reinold Marvin was :

- 109 3. Captain *Reinold*,<sup>3</sup> born in 1669 (see below).
- 110 4. Deacon *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> born in 1671 (see below).
- 111 5. *Sarah*,<sup>3</sup> born, as my father thought, in 1673.<sup>60</sup>

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John (101), eldest son of Lieut. Reinold Marvin, married Sarah Graham of Hartford, Conn., May 7, 1691. She was the daughter of Henry Graham and his wife Mary, and was born about 1670, having been thirteen years old when her father died.

Henry Grihme (or Grehmes) is first mentioned in Hartford in 1661.

<sup>59</sup> History of Connecticut, i. 286.

<sup>60</sup> I have given the dates of birth of Mary and Sarah as I find them in my father's notes; I do not know his authority. Savage says they are unknown. Mary is not mentioned in the Will of George Clark, and my own impression is that she was the daughter of Lieut. Reinold's first wife, as already suggested, and born in 1661, or even earlier. The fact that John Marvin's Will is witnessed by his two brothers, and by Timothy Mather, whose wife's name was Sarah, has suggested that Timothy may have been a brother-in-law; but I have found no authority that gives her maiden-name. Another and more probable theory is that Sarah Marvin married James Beckwith of Lyme; among the "children of James and Sarah Beckwith," given on the Lyme Records, are "Renald," fifth child, Samuel, younger, and a daughter Mary. These names, especially "Renald," so rarely met with except among our kindred, may indicate that they were Sarah Marvin's children. The dates of birth would correspond also with probability, as "Renald" was born February 15, 1707; and Samuel, May 24, 1709.

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In the next generation the name is spelled Graham. In Burke's "General Armory" there is given the name of Grihmes with the arms of that family. But from the fact that the children of Henry Grihme (or Grihmes) spelled their name Graham, we may suppose that to have been their real name, pronounced, with a broad sound, so nearly like Grihme that it was so spelled in the phonetic mode of the period. If the name was Graham they may have come from Scotland, where that family is an ancient and honorable one.

In the same year (1661) Henry Grihme was appointed to the responsible position of "chimney viewer," for which, in those days, were selected only the most trustworthy men, of sufficient power of character to enforce the rules made for the protection of the feeble colony. It was an office honored by the settlers, and often held by men who occupied high positions. He died in 1684 leaving £745, an unusually "good estate" for the period. His widow Mary died in 1685. They left eight children. The eldest, Benjamin, aged twenty-two at the time of his father's death, lived in Hartford, and was a Lieutenant. His first wife was Abigail daughter of Michael Humphrey and his wife Priscilla daughter of Matthew Grant, of leading families of Windsor. His second wife was Sarah daughter of Jacob Mygatt (son of Deacon Joseph Mygatt, an original proprietor and prominent citizen of Hartford) and his wife Sarah daughter of Major William Whiting, an original proprietor of Hartford, a merchant of wealth and education, Treasurer of the Colony, magistrate, etc., of an ancient English family of royal descent. She was the widow of John Webster of Hartford, grandson of Hon. John Webster Governor of the Colony of Connecticut and son of Robert Webster and Susannah daughter of Richard Treat of Wethersfield, Conn., a prominent officer in the colonial government.

We give these facts to show the social affiliations of the Grihme or Graham family in the early generations. The other children of Henry Grihme or Graham and Mary his wife were John, Joseph, Mary, Sarah

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who married John Marvin, Elizabeth, Susannah who married Deacon Samuel Marvin (see below), and Rebecca.<sup>61</sup>

John Marvin's estate, as given in lists of the time when the people of Lyme were taxed by Gov. Andros, shows that as a young man he was in prosperous circumstances, and was in the upper half of the rate-payers. He died in Lyme December 11, 1711, aged forty-seven. He left an estate appraised at £691. 8s. 6d., and his Will was witnessed by Reinold (109) Marvin, Timothy Mather, and Samuel (110) Marvin. Much of his property was in land on Grassy Hill. His widow married "Mr. Richard Sears," at Lyme, whom she survived, dying December 14, 1760, aged ninety-one; she was interred in the Duck-River Burying-ground, near her first husband.

The children of John and Sarah (Graham) Marvin, beside a daughter who was born April 12, 1692, and died early, were:

112 (1.) *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> born in Lyme, February 28, 1694; who married: first, John son of John and Abigail Lay (see **Pedigree of Lay**), who died in 1723; and, thus early becoming a widow, was the "Mrs. Sarah Lay, formerly Sarah Marvin," as I take it, who married, secondly, her cousin Dea. Reinold Marvin, December 23, 1725 (see below).

113 (2.) *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> born July 23, 1696; who married Samuel Smith. He was probably a son of Samuel of Farmington, Conn.<sup>62</sup>

<sup>61</sup> The Memorial History of Hartford County, i. pp. 252-53, 266, 269, 274; and Goodwin's Genealogical Notes, p. 164.

<sup>62</sup> In Bolton's History of Westchester County, as I learn from Mrs. Huse, who has shown much interest in our Marvin researches, there is mention of a Mary Marvin who married William Lee of Long Island, and had ten children, as will be seen by the following extract from that volume: "The Lees were among the early tenantry of this (Van Cortlandt) manor, and are supposed to have been a younger branch of the Lees of *Lee-Magna*, Kent, England, who settled in Nottingham at an early period. William Lee (whose sister, Elizabeth, bequeathed her estates in England to the heirs-general) emigrated from Nottingham to America, in 1675; died in 1724; married *Mary Marvin*, and left three sons and seven daughters. Sons are Thomas, Joseph, and Richard. These Lees seem to have lived on Long Island. Arms: *Azure on a fess between two fillets or, two leopards' heads, gules*; Crest, *a demi-Moor, proper, vested gules, rimmed round the collar with two bars or, tied round the waist with a ribbon or, wreathed about the head azure and gules, holding in his dexter hand a gem-ring of the third*" I have not found any Mary in the Reinold line, to whom I can assign this marriage. I presume she was a great granddaughter of

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- 114           (3.) *John*,<sup>4</sup> born August 9, 1698 (see below).  
 115           (4.) *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> born November 23, 1701. She was, I presume, the  
 Elizabeth, mentioned in the Lyme Records, who married, December 28,  
 1727, John Tinker, and had four children.  
 116           (5.) *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> born June 16, 1703 (see below).  
 117           (6.) *Benjamin*,<sup>4</sup> born March 14, 1706 (see below).  
 118           (7.) *Mchitable*,<sup>4</sup> born September 12, 1709.  
 119           (8.) *Jemima*,<sup>4</sup> born July 20, 1711; who married, January 25, 1732,  
 William son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lee) Peck, born in Lyme,  
 August 31, 1709; and had three children. Elizabeth Lee was the sister  
 of Capt. Reinold's wife Phoebe (see **Act**).

Reinold (109) second son of Lieut. Reinold Marvin, and the third of the name in succession, is known on the Town Records as "Captain Reinold," and seems to have won some military distinction; he was one of the first two Deacons in the First Congregational Church of Lyme, formed March 27, 1693.<sup>63</sup> He represented Lyme in the General Court from 1701 to 1728, a period of continued service which is sufficient evidence of the estimation in which he was held by his fellow-townsmen. He was twice married: first, about 1695 or 1696, to Phoebe daughter of Lieut. Thomas Lee (one of the largest land-holders in Lyme) by Mary daughter of Balthazar and Alice DeWolf<sup>64</sup> (see **Act** and **Notes on the Family of**

Matthew, the first emigrant, and either the daughter of the third Matthew, who is said to have been born in 1689, which would make her rather a young mother for so large a family, though it is not impossible; or she may have been a daughter of Samuel, a brother of the third Matthew, of whose family I have only an imperfect account. The records of Norwalk do not seem to give them. Possibly they may be discovered in Fairfield. The item seems worthy of preservation, in the hope that future information may identify the parties.

<sup>63</sup> The date, as I learn from Mr. Salisbury, of the Agreement that there should be a church in Lyme. Rev. Moses Noyes had preached there twenty-seven years before his formal settlement.

<sup>64</sup> Hyde Genealogy (pp. 33-50) erroneously makes Phoebe the daughter of Thomas by his first wife, Sarah (Kirtland) Lee; but, as I learn from Mr. Salisbury, the Lyme Records show that Sarah died May 21, 1676, and that Thomas Lee married Mary DeWolf July 13, 1676; the last figure is torn, but Phoebe was born August 14, 1677; Savage gives the date of her birth as April 14, 1677, and Hyde Gen., p. 33, says merely 1676 (see **Act**).

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**De Wolf**), who was born August 14, 1677. She died October 27, 1707, when her youngest child was an infant.

Captain Reinold Marvin's second wife, whom he married in 1708 ("Hyde Gen." says June 30, 1709), was Martha the third daughter and fifth child of Sergeant Thomas and Miriam (Tracy) Waterman, sister of Anna Waterman who married Josiah DeWolf (see **DeWolf**, as above). Thomas Waterman was one of the first settlers of Norwich, a man of great influence, and possessed of a handsome estate; his wife was a daughter of Lieut. Thomas Tracy. Walworth says that through this marriage the blood of the early Saxon Kings came into the family. She was born December 6, 1680, and survived her husband, dying in November 1753.

An old Note-Book once in the possession of Rev. Matthew Noyes of Northford, Conn., son of Eunice (219) Marvin, and still preserved, contains several quaint items relative to the family. One of these says that this "Reynald" Marvin was "remarkable for his excentricities,"<sup>65</sup> yet esteemed as a very useful and godly man." There are many odd and amusing stories told of the sayings and doings of "Reinold Marvin," doubtless exaggerated by the fancy of their narrator; but my father's investigations satisfied him that the most of them belong to the *son* of Capt. Reinold. They are doubtless familiar to most of our name, having been handed down by tradition on account of their shrewd and homely wit. The only one that seems with any probability to belong to the Captain, is the story of the manner in which he announced his intention of marriage, which the old law required should be done publicly, by posting in some conspicuous place. He wrote his in rhyming style, and nailed it up in the porch of the

<sup>65</sup> Perhaps it was "Reynald's excentricity" that induced him, eleven years after the death of Phoebe, by whom he had children then living, to make over to her brothers, William and Stephen Lee, his right of inheritance in her father's real estate, which was, as has been elsewhere shown, very large. His own estates were ample, but it was a generous act, whether just or not to his elder children we cannot tell. If parental opposition existed, as implied by his church-door rhymes (see below), it may be that the brothers had not forgiven his marriage; and his renunciation of his rights by the deed confirms the family-tradition that it was not the father's property but the daughter's beauty that attracted him. He certainly had land enough. The deed is referred to in **Dec.**

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meeting-house ; from its tenor we suspect that he had met with some opposition in carrying out his plans, which did not, however, prevent his marriage. There are slightly differing versions, but the one that has come to me runs as follows :

“ Reinold Marvin and Phoebe Lee  
Do intend to marry :  
And though her dad opposed be,  
We can no longer tarry.”

For “ Phoebe,” the name “ Betty ” is frequently substituted ; but no “ Betty ” can be found who married a Marvin. Tradition says she was remarkable for her beauty.

Another tradition, in which I place less confidence, says that he composed his own epitaph, which is given below ; while some of the family accept it, others of his descendants attribute it to his son, who was even more eccentric than the Captain. He died in Lyme October 18, 1737, aged sixty-eight. The tombstones of Capt. Reinold and his two wives are standing in the old Duck-River Burying-ground in Lyme, where I saw them in the spring of 1888. The three graves are near together, near the north-east corner, with no others of the name in the immediate vicinity ; the mossy freestones at their heads showed the effects of age and New England winters, but the epitaphs were still legible.<sup>66</sup> On the left of the Captain lies his first wife, whose stone is the poorest in execution of the three, and evidently the work of an illiterate carver ; some of the letters are run together in monograms, and the G and N in each case are retrograde. On the headstone is her name (which is spelled Marvil), the date of her death, and her age ; her husband's name is given “ Rennvl Marvil.” The inscription ends :

<sup>66</sup> Since this was written, the stones have been carefully cleaned, and the inscriptions are as clear as they were a century and a half ago.



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"HVR BODY ONLY  
RESTING HERE  
HVR SOVL IS  
FLED TWO A HIER  
SPEAR "

On the head-stone of the Captain is carved :

" This Deacon Aged 68  
Aged 68                    serving  
Is Freed on Earth from  
May for a Crown no longer wait  
Lyme's Captain

Renold Marvin "

The composer evidently intended to rhyme "serving" with "Marvin."<sup>67</sup> On the foot-stone are the initials " R. M.," and the date " October 18, 1737." The grave is so long as to be noticeable, which may show that the old warrior had the high stature characteristic of the family. The stone over the second wife is at the right, and is much better executed ; it reads thus :

" Here lies the body of Martha Marvin, relict of Captain Reinold Marvin, who died in peace in hopes of a glorious resurrection, Nov. A. D. 1753, in the 74th year of her age."

119½ Miss Martha<sup>8</sup> Noyes of Lyme, a descendant of both the Reinolds, wrote some pleasant lines on "The Puritan Courtship," which she attributed to the elder Reinold and the maiden Phoebe Lee. My own belief is that the "revelation of the 'Lord's will'" applied to his *son* and to the *widow* he married ; but I cannot refrain from quoting a portion of the story as she gives it :

<sup>67</sup> The inscriptions are odd enough no doubt, but in a little book I have recently seen, which gives many quaint epitaphs, I find one put down which, it is stated, exists in the Lyme Cemetery, at the grave of Capt. Reinold Marvin, but which has no existence save in the imagination of the compiler of that work. It recites that the Captain died first, and is waiting under ground for the arrival of his widow, when she had finished "servin." Quite a little volume could be made up of the strange and funny stories which have been laid at the door of these two worthies, the Captain and the Deacon ; of many of them it may be confidently said there is not a shadow of proof that they have any basis of fact. It is hardly worth the trouble to contradict them.

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" More than two hundred years ago, one summer afternoon,  
When bird, and bee, and spinning wheel, all hummed a drowsy tune,  
And butterflies on idle wing were floating in the air,  
And not a zephyr to disturb the stillness everywhere,  
Leaning on the half-open door, comely and fair to see,  
And bathed in yellow sunlight stood blue-eyed Phoebe Lee.

She wore no gems, no golden gauds ; what use were gems, forsooth,  
When most esteemed were jewels such as Purity and Truth ?

Then riding quickly to the gate came Reinold Marvin, bold,  
Called unto her to come to him, and thus his story told :

' Phoebe, in vision hath the Lord declared His will to me,  
That I should take myself a wife, and sent me here—to *thee*.'  
She calmly listened while he spoke ; then quaintly, one by one,  
Forth from her lips there dropped the words, ' Reinold, His will be done.'  
She quietly retraced her steps ; he turned and rode away.  
The spinning wheel went droning on, that calm, sweet summer day.

Her mother took from out her chests . . .  
Some richly wrought, brocaded silk she brought across the sea,  
And fashioned out the wedding-dress of comely Phoebe Lee."

The children of Captain Reinold and Phoebe (Lee) Marvin were probably five :

120 (1.) *Phoebe*,<sup>4</sup> born in Lyme, Decmber 3, 1696 ; who married : first, Daniel DeWolf, a cousin of her mother, and the son of Simon and grandson of Balthazar DeWolf (see **Notes on the Family of DeWolf**). He died early ; and she married, secondly, as his second wife, Nathaniel son of John Kirtland, who was born October 24, 1690. By this marriage she had ten children.<sup>66</sup>

121 (2.) *Reinold*,<sup>4</sup> born about 1697 or 1698. He is the famous "Deacon Reinold." As will be seen below, he married his cousin the widow Sarah (112) (Marvin) Lay, who was born in 1694, and therefore older than her

<sup>66</sup> See The New England Genealogical and Historical Register, xiv. p. 241, which however names but eight ; and p. 242, for the children of her sister Lydia, mentioned below.

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husband. The fact that no record of his birth has been found on the Lyme Records led my father to suppose that he and Daniel, next named, were identical, and that the latter changed his name. But this would make the Deacon eight years younger than the widow, and a change of name was then unusual. There is an interval of five years between the first and second children recorded, and I think, therefore, I am justified in placing Reinold here (see below).

122 (3.) *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> born in January 1702. Nothing further of this son can be found.<sup>69</sup>

123 (4.) *Lydia*,<sup>4</sup> born January 12, 1704; who married, June 16, 1726, Philip the son of John and Lydia (Pratt) Kirtland, born May 26, 1693, and a brother of her sister Phoebe's second husband. He died September 23, 1764. They had ten children.

124 (5.) *Esther*,<sup>4</sup> born April 3, 1707; who married: first, December 28, 1727, Thomas son of Thomas and Mary (Lee) Lord, born in 1664, a grandson of William of Saybrook, Conn. (see **Lee** and **Lord**). He died in 1762; and she subsequently married Jonathan Emmons of East Haddam, Conn., whom she survived, dying in Lyme February 3, 1792, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Thomas and Esther (Marvin) Lord had  
125 eleven children; one of whom, *Marvin*,<sup>5</sup> married Emily (or Amelia)  
126 daughter of Major Roger Wolcott.<sup>70</sup> *Esther*<sup>5</sup> (or Hester), who married Nehemiah (152) Marvin, is supposed to have been their eldest daughter.  
127 Their youngest daughter, *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born February 25, 1746, married, in 1764, her cousin Capt. Daniel Lord, and died in Lyme December 28, 1825.  
128 Her grandson was Hon. *Daniel*<sup>7</sup> Lord of New York, the eminent lawyer of the name (see **Lord**).

The children of Captain Reinold by Martha Waterman, his second wife, were :

<sup>69</sup> Unless he be the Daniel mentioned in the History of Wyoming, p. 138; I think that that Daniel, however, was a descendant of Matthew.

<sup>70</sup> He was the son of Gov. Roger Wolcott. See Wolcott Memorial, p. 137.

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- 129           (6.) *Martha*,<sup>4</sup> born April 3, 1710.  
 130           (7.) *Elisha*,<sup>4</sup> born September 26, 1711; who died in infancy.  
 131           (8.) *James*,<sup>4</sup> born May 26, 1713 (see below).  
 132           (9.) *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> born March 8, 1716; who married, March 16, 1742, George the eldest son of Edmund and Mary (Griswold) Dorr of Lyme, and a nephew of Gov. Griswold, born in Hartford, Conn., August 4, 1720. His father was known as "Sarvant Dorr," from a satirical remark applied to him in the well-known religious controversy of 1741-45, which followed the "Great Revival" of 1740, and ended in the resignation of the Minister of Lyme in 1746. The story is still familiar to the people of that town.

George Dorr was a lawyer, and King's Attorney for more than twenty years. He was struck with paralysis while arguing a case in Court; after which he lingered about twenty years, and died January 1, 1787, in Lyme; his widow survived him about five years. A sister of George Dorr was the mother of Rev. Dr. Edward Dorr Griffin, President of Williams College, whose wife was a descendant of the first Matthew Marvin.

- 133-34       George and Sarah (Marvin) Dorr had six children; a daughter, *Mary*,<sup>5</sup> married Benjamin Lee (see **Lee**); a grandson was Hon. *Barak*<sup>6</sup> Beckwith, a Delegate to the New York Constitutional Convention of 1821, and a Judge of the County Court.<sup>7</sup>

The younger children of Captain Reinold Marvin were:

- 135           (10.) Captain *Elisha*<sup>4</sup> (second of the name), born March 8, 1718 (see below).  
 136           (11.) *Miriam*,<sup>4</sup> born March 1720; who married Rev. Samuel Beckwith,<sup>7</sup> February 1, 1739. They had a daughter *Caroline*,<sup>5</sup> who married her cousin John (248) Marvin; and died in 1849, aged ninety-seven. They probably had other children beside Caroline, whose names I have not learned.

<sup>71</sup> See Hyde Genealogy, pp. 194, 791-92 and 960-68.

<sup>72</sup> I have not attempted to trace this Samuel Beckwith; but he may have been, as already suggested, the son of James and Sarah (Marvin) Beckwith. See note 60.

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Deacon Samuel (110) third son and fourth child of Lieut. Reinold Marvin was born in Lyme, and married, May 5, 1699, Susannah daughter of Henry and Mary Graham (or Grihme, or Grihmes) of Hartford, who was born about 1677; she was a younger sister of Sarah the wife of his brother John (see above). He represented Lyme in the General Court in 1711, and again in 1722. He died in Lyme, March (or May) 15, 1743, aged seventy-two. From what is known of his character it is evident that he was highly esteemed as possessed of excellent judgment. He was selected as one of the "prizors" of the large landed estate of Lieut. Richard Lord, whose Will he witnessed, and whose daughter had married his nephew (see **Lord**). His wife survived him. He had ten children; the sons are referred to hereafter :

- 138           (1.) *Samuel*,<sup>4</sup> born in Lyme February 10, 1700.
- 139           (2.) Deacon *Zechariah*,<sup>4</sup> born December 27, 1701.
- 140           (3.) *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> born March 4, 1704.
- 141           (4.) Captain *Matthew*,<sup>4</sup> born November 7, 1706.
- 142           (5.) *Abigail*,<sup>4</sup> born September 13, 1709; who married a Coult, and died a widow June 4, 1786.
- 143           (6.) *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> born June 1, 1712, who married, November 8, 1733, as his first wife, Richard son of Thomas and Mary (Brownson) Wait of Lyme, born June 11, 1711. She died May 27, 1755; and her husband married, secondly, Rebecca daughter of Capt. Higgins of Lyme, January 13, 1757; and died December 29, 1790. Tradition says that Rebecca Higgins was a "handsome and imperious woman;" by her Richard Wait had three children.

This Richard Wait was a Justice of the Peace, "more of an honor in those days than we in this generation comprehend." One of his sons, Marvin (mentioned below, again), was a Judge of the County Court; a grandson, by a son of his second wife, was Henry Matson Waite, Chief Justice of Connecticut; and Richard's great grandson Morrison Remick (108) Waite was Chief Justice of the United States. Although the latter

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144 was not descended from Elizabeth Marvin, his line is traced to the first  
Reginold, through his mother, *Maria*<sup>7</sup> Selden, who was the daughter of  
Richard E. (107) and Desire (Colt) Selden.

145 Richard and Elizabeth (Marvin) Wait had ten children. Of these *Lois*,<sup>5</sup>  
born December 3, 1735, married, October 9, 1755, as his first wife,  
Col. Marshfield Parsons son of Rev. Jonathan and Phoebe (Griswold)  
Parsons, born February 17, 1733. She died in Lyme, July 6, 1764; and  
her husband married, secondly, November 20, 1766, Abigail (236) Marvin,  
and died January 13, 1813.

146 The eldest son of Richard and Elizabeth (Marvin) Wait was Major  
*Richard*,<sup>5</sup> born November 28, 1739; who married: first, May 1, 1764,  
Lucy Griswold, who died November 25, 1795; and, secondly, April 21,  
1801, widow Mary (Lay) Wood, daughter of Jonathan and Mary  
(Spencer) Lay; and died June 16, 1810 (see **Notes on Pedigree**  
147 **of Lay**). Hon. Judge *Marvin*<sup>5</sup> the second son, born December 16,  
1746, married: first, April 25, 1779, Patty Jones, by whom he had seven  
children, and who died March 25, 1804. He married, secondly, in New  
York City, April 22, 1805, widow Harriet Saltonstall, who died July 10,  
1808; they had one child, *Marvin*,<sup>6</sup> who died October 29, 1832. Marvin  
148 Wait the elder married, thirdly, in New York City, November 15, 1810,  
Nancy daughter of Dr. Philip Turner (a Surgeon of eminent reputation in  
his day); she was born in Norwich, Conn., April 1, 1772, and died April 11,  
1851, leaving one son, Hon. *John Turner*<sup>6</sup> Wait, born August 27, 1811.  
149 Hon. Marvin (147) Wait died at New London, June 21, 1815, having  
had nineteen elections as a member of the Legislature, and, beside his  
appointment as a Judge, already mentioned, having been a Presidential  
Elector for Connecticut at the second election of Washington.<sup>73</sup>

Hon. John Turner Wait, only son of Judge Marvin Wait by his third  
wife, is a prominent lawyer, and I believe the senior member of the Bar

<sup>73</sup> Hyde Gen. says he was an Elector in the first election; but Hon. John T. Wait writes me it was  
the second, not the first.

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in Norwich, Conn. Previous to the War of the Rebellion his political associations were with the Douglas wing of the Democratic party, and he was several times nominated for Lieutenant-Governor of his native State. Although his party was unsuccessful, he received the highest vote of any candidate upon the ticket. When Secession came, Mr. Wait at once allied himself with those who upheld the Union, and was chosen one of the Presidential Electors for Connecticut on the last election of Abraham Lincoln; it is a most interesting and remarkable circumstance that father and son should have held these positions, thus linking the family so closely with the choice of our two most distinguished Presidents. Mr. Wait has served several terms in both branches of the Connecticut Legislature; in 1866 he was President *pro tem.* of the Senate; and in 1867 he was Speaker of the House of Representatives; he was a Member of Congress for six consecutive terms, and, though renominated for the seventh term (for the 50th Congress) declined to be a candidate. He received in 1851 the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Trinity College, where he began but did not complete a College course; Yale conferred the same degree in 1871; Harvard honored him with a Doctorate of Laws in 1883, and in 1886 Trinity repeated the compliment. His only son, *Marvin*<sup>7</sup> Wait, a gallant young Lieutenant of the Eighth Connecticut Volunteers, fell mortally wounded in a charge of his Regiment, in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862.<sup>74</sup>

The younger children of Deacon Samuel (110) Marvin were:

(7.) *Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> born November 21, 1714; who married Lydia Lewis; and died in Lyme, March 15, 1755, having had six sons.

(8.) *Nehemiah*,<sup>4</sup> born February 20, 1717, "at the time the great snow-storm commenced;" who married, January 9, 1746, Esther (or

<sup>74</sup> A very full notice of the Wait family is given in The New England Hist. and Gen. Register, xxiv. p. 101 et seq., which, however, is made by a typographic error to give the date of the death of Lois Marvin as that of her marriage; a more extended notice of other descendants of Judge Marvin Wait is given in Hyde Gen., pp. 1080, 1081 et seq., as well as of Dr. Turner, the father of his third wife. For an account of the Parsons family see The N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, i. p. 263 et seq.

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- Hester), who I suppose was the eldest daughter of Thomas and Esther (124) (Marvin) Lord (see above, and **Pedigree of Lord**), born January 19, 1729, and granddaughter of Capt. Reinold Marvin; and had two daughters, *Phoebe*<sup>5</sup> and *Anne*.<sup>5</sup>
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155           (9.) *Mary*.<sup>4</sup> and (10.) a son, twins, born April 15, 1721.

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- John (114) eldest son of John Marvin married, February 24, 1726, Mehitable Champion. Their children, born in Lyme, were: i. *John*,<sup>5</sup> born January 30, 1727 (see below); ii. *Mehitable*,<sup>5</sup> born June 27, 1729; who was, I suppose, the Mehitable mentioned on the Lyme Records as having married, September 25, 1744, Stephen Lee Jr. of Lyme, who died May 6, 1756, aged thirty-two; this was a very youthful marriage; she was only a little over fifteen years old, and he not yet twenty-one; they had two sons whose births are recorded in Lyme, the eldest born July 10, 1745 (see **Lee**), and it is said, though I doubt it, others born in New London;<sup>55</sup>
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160           iii. *Adonijah*,<sup>5</sup> born March 1, 1732 (see below); iv. *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born August 21, 1734; 5. *Esther*,<sup>5</sup> born April 15, 1737.

- Joseph (116) second son of John Marvin was born in Lyme; he married, May 28, 1730, Jane daughter of John and Johanna Lay (see **Notes on Pedigree of Lay**); and died in Lyme April 7, 1791, aged eighty-eight, and was interred in the burying-ground on Meeting-house Hills. His widow died October 21, 1795, aged eighty-nine.
- 161           They had several children, but only one, a daughter *Hephzibah*,<sup>5</sup> born March 11, 1731, survived infancy. From her father she inherited a large landed property, much of which remains in the blood at the present time; an only daughter, she was much beloved, and from childhood every wish

<sup>55</sup> In the Lee Family, p. 6, he is called Colonel, and is said to have lived and married in New London, but I do not accept this; the compiler seems to have confused him with the father. He died in Lyme, and was buried in the old cemetery on the Meeting-house Hills.



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was gratified. Surrounded by "the comforts of life" in abundance, the excitement of the times bore lightly upon her, and her natural abilities lacked that spur to development which ambition lends to those born in what are called "less fortunate" circumstances. Tradition says that she was regarded as perhaps over-indulgent to her children, and even to the negro slaves of the family—for the mild form of slavery which existed in Connecticut had not yet been abolished—who were treated almost as if members of the household. She lived to that advanced age which has been granted to so many of our kindred, dying October 19, 1813. Many little mementos of her childhood are preserved in the family, one of the most interesting of which is perhaps her "christening blanket," of a rich yellow satin brocade, for which her parents sent to London, and which is now owned by her great granddaughter, Mrs. Daniel Chadwick of Lyme (see below). Hepzibah Marvin married, March 31, 1749, Capt. Enoch Lord, son of Judge Richard and Elizabeth (Lynde) Lord of Lyme, who was born December 15, 1725; he survived his wife, and died February 16, 1814 (see **Lord**). Their descendants are given fully in the Lord monograph

162 of these volumes; I note that their eldest son was *Richard*,<sup>6</sup> born September 15, 1752,<sup>76</sup> who married, December 9, 1790, Ann daughter of Capt. William Mitchell, the "Scotch King," by Sarah Parmelee (see **Mitchell**

163 and **Notes on the Family of Parmelee**). Mrs. *Evelyn*<sup>8</sup> (McCurdy) Salisbury is their great granddaughter. Another son was

164-65 *Enoch*,<sup>6</sup> who had a daughter *Sarah Read*<sup>7</sup> Lord, who was the wife of Matthew son of Joseph, and grandson of Captain Matthew, Marvin (see below). Capt. Enoch and Hepzibah (Marvin) Lord had also a daughter,

166 *Jane*,<sup>6</sup> born August 13, 1764; who married, about 1786, Capt. Joseph (222) second son of Judge William and Eunice (Marvin) Noyes.

<sup>76</sup> The date of Hepzibah's marriage and that of the birth of her eldest son, as given above, agree with Chapman (The New England Hist. and Gen. Register, xxxi. p. 211), and with Hyde Gen., p. 159 (see also p. 735). The late Melvin Lord Esq., a descendant, gave my father "December 31, 1748," as the date of her marriage, and thought Enoch the eldest son, born July 28, 1750. I prefer to follow the Records, and believe Mr. Lord was not correctly informed. Chapman omits the name of her daughter Jane.

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- 167     *Lynde*,<sup>6</sup> the youngest son of Capt. Enoch Lord by Hepzibah Marvin, born July 17, 1767, married Mehitable daughter of Capt. Matthew (141) Marvin, a keen, bright woman (see below, and **Lord**).

- Benjamin (117) third son of John Marvin married, November 11, 1742, Deborah second daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Champion) Mather, of Lyme, born January 11 (or 15), 1718; her father was a brother of Joseph Mather who married Phoebe DeWolf (see **Pedigree of De Wolf**, Part I.). Benjamin died January 21, 1775. His children  
168-69     were: i. *Benjamin*,<sup>6</sup> born November 7, 1743 (see below); ii. *Mehitable*,<sup>6</sup> born October 4, 1745 (Chapman says October 11); who married, October 9, 1764, Uriah Hyde of Norwich, and settled at Lyme, where they had three  
170     children, and perhaps others;<sup>7</sup> iii. *Azubah*,<sup>6</sup> born December 23, 1748.

Deacon Reinold (121) eldest son of Capt. Reinold Marvin was twice married: first, December 23, 1725, to Mrs. Sarah Lay, by birth Sarah (112) daughter of John Marvin; and, secondly, July 7, 1746, to Mrs. Mary Kellogg, by birth Mary Niles, of Colchester, Conn.<sup>78</sup>

I have no doubt that this is the "odd genius" to whom belong most of the quaint sayings and stories handed down by tradition in our family. He inherited his father's eccentricities, but they were much more prominent traits in his character. He was famous for receiving revelations, and to him I attribute the offer of marriage tendered on horseback to the widow who became his wife. Riding up to her door he sent for her to come to him, and, when she approached, without dismounting from his sheepskin-saddle, he said to her: "It has been revealed to me by the Lord that you are to be my wife." The lady, aware of his peculiarities, and nothing loath, responded: "The Lord's will be done."

<sup>77</sup> See Hyde Gen., p. 115.

<sup>78</sup> Chapman, in The N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, xxxi. p. 212, erroneously calls her Mrs. Mary Kelley.

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A poetic version of this story I have given under his father's name.<sup>79</sup> This famous "sheepskin-saddle" has a history of its own. In those days the support of the Minister was from a tax laid upon all the inhabitants, and collectible by the officials of the town.<sup>80</sup> For some unknown reason the Deacon resisted the claim made upon him for his proportion, and his saddle was seized and sold to pay it; this he deemed a grievous wrong, and he styled those who sequestered it "Sabeans," after the robbers of righteous Job; that part of Lyme where they lived was thereupon called "Sabtown," a name which it retains even now. He used a sheepskin for his saddle ever after, riding on it one day, alongside of the clergyman of his church, to a Council in a neighboring town to which he was a "messenger" or delegate, thus giving great annoyance and mortification to his Pastor. Notwithstanding his opposition to the tax, Reinold remained a Deacon, "in good and regular standing," to the close of his life.<sup>81</sup>

His revelations from the Lord bore upon other matters beside matrimony: in accordance with one of them it is said that he proceeded to give to some of his less prosperous neighbors his cows, or at least so large a proportion of his herd that one "shiftless fellow," fearing lest he might be overlooked in the distribution, and following the example of his more wealthy acquaintances, had a private "revelation" of his own. Visiting the Deacon's house he said: "I have had a revelation from the Lord,

<sup>79</sup> His offer, odd enough surely, might it seems to me rather have been expected from an old than a young man, and from one whose position in the Church might justify his claim to "revelations." The sheepskin-saddle, which always figured in the story, undoubtedly belonged to the son, while the reply to his offer sounds more like the apt answer of a widow who knew the man, than of a maiden famous for her beauty, and doubtless with many suitors, such as was Phoebe Lee, if we may believe tradition.

<sup>80</sup> "In Connecticut all persons were obliged by law to contribute to the support of the church, as well as of the commonwealth. All rates respecting the support of ministers, or any ecclesiastical affairs, were to be made and collected in the same manner as the rates of the respective towns." Trumbull, *History of Connecticut*, i, 289. See also *First Code of Conn.*, pp. 52 and 59, cited by Trumbull.

<sup>81</sup> By the kindness of Dea. H. Beckwith of Lyme, I learn that at a church-meeting, January, 1741 (three years after the death of the Captain and Deacon Reinold), "Reinold and Zechariah Marvin were chosen to serve as deacons." Reinold's oddities, it would seem by the Church Records, sometimes laid him open to church-discipline.

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also." "Ah," said the Deacon, "and what was it?" "Why," replied the man, "the Lord has revealed to me that you are to give me a cow." "Indeed," was the answer, "we will go and get her." Delighted with the prospect, he went to the pasture with the Deacon; on the way the latter inquired: "What kind of a cow were you to have—a new milch cow, or a farrow?" This inquiry was rather more particular than the seeker for favor had anticipated; he hesitated, but finally answered: "A new milch cow." "Ah," said the shrewd old farmer, "I fear that your revelation was not from the *Lord*, for I have given away all my new milch cows." So the disappointed man went home without his cow.

Many instances of his characteristic oddities might be given,<sup>82</sup> but a single one in addition must suffice. He was involved in considerable litigation, and in a letter on the subject to Judge John Griswold, still preserved, which was written in 1737-38, he closed with the following rhymes:

"Sir, this is yours at any rate,  
To read, if you have leisure,  
To burn, conceal, communicate,  
According to your pleasure."

From the same Note-Book which speaks of his father's peculiarities I have obtained the following: "Rheynald Marvin 2d [he was really the fourth of the name] was also Deacon of the same Church . . . He was a great land-owner, a sensible, honest and benevolent man; but whose oddities were such, and so numerous, as greatly injured the *savor of his good name*."

I have not the date of the death of the Deacon's first wife, but his widow died March 9, 1812, aged ninety-seven. He died February 24, 1761, at the age of sixty, and was interred in the burying-ground east of

<sup>82</sup> When my father was a boy in Lyme, eighty years or more ago, the older residents told him many stories of "Deacon Reinold," which he often rehearsed to his children; the uniform tradition then was, as he repeatedly informed me in after years, that they belonged to the son and not the father. This agrees with the recollection of Rev. Abijah P. Marvin, who passed much of his childhood in Lyme, about seventy years ago.

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the village of Lyme. I refer to him as "Deacon," to distinguish him from his father, "Captain," and his grandfather "Lieutenant," Reinold.

So many of our kindred appear to have been Deacons, holding an office which seems to have been almost hereditary in Reinold's family, that it may not be out of place to mention a custom which obtained in some places in Connecticut, in the time of this odd Deacon Reinold, and perhaps of long standing, showing the pilgrim-estimation of the dignity of the office; this was for these officers to wear a "Deacon's cap." "The Memorial History of Hartford County"<sup>83</sup> gives an illustration of one of these ecclesiastical adornments, formerly used in the town of Bristol. It is not unlike the "slouched hat" of our day, with the brim turned up. Such a token of official rank seems hardly consistent with our ideas of that abomination "of every circumstance of ecclesiastical order and discipline" which, we have been accustomed to believe, pervaded the popular mind in those days. It can hardly fail to remind one of other clerical head-gear, such as the Bishop's mitre of the mother Church of England, and the biretta of the Romish priest. It must have been in general use in the churches, for otherwise it would have caused such feeling that Ministers and brethren in neighboring towns would have deemed it an offence against order, and considered themselves called on to "deal with" such an assumption of what bears a close relation to the "rags of Popery."

The children of Deacon Reinold by his first wife were :

- 171 i. "King's Councillor" *Reinold*,<sup>5</sup> born October 23, 1726 (see below).
- 172 ii. *Phoebe*,<sup>5</sup> born March 18, 1728; who married Joseph Gillett; and died leaving children.
- 173 iii. Captain *Dan*,<sup>6</sup> born January 2, 1731 (see below).<sup>84</sup>
- 174 iv. *Lydia*,<sup>5</sup> born September 14, 1733; who married J. Gates; and died leaving issue.

<sup>83</sup> See vol. ii. p. 46.

<sup>84</sup> The dates of birth of second and third child I place a year earlier than my father did, conforming to a recent letter from Judge Fosdick, Town Clerk of Lyme. This may be merely the difference between Old and New Style.

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By his second wife Deacon Reinold had :

- 175        v. *Ann*,<sup>5</sup> born September 30, 1748; who died January 9, 1749.
- 176        vi. *Eve*,<sup>5</sup> a twin sister of Ann<sup>5</sup> (by Lyme Records); who became the  
first wife of Christopher grandson of William Ely, whose brother Richard  
married Mary (102) Marvin; she died *s. p.* in 1774.
- 177        vii. *Sarah*,<sup>5</sup> who died January 22, 1777, "in her twenty-sixth year," and  
was therefore born about 1751; she married, November (or December) 24,  
177½      1774, Capt. Samuel<sup>6</sup> eldest son of Col. Samuel (Jr.) and Elizabeth (Ely)  
Selden of Lyme, who was born November 1, 1748, and by whom she  
had two sons who died in infancy. They resided in Hadlyme, Conn.,  
where, in the South Cemetery, she was buried. Her husband married,  
secondly, October 2, 1783, Deborah daughter of Dea. Joseph Colt; by  
whom he had issue, and whom he survived, dying September 7, 1819. He  
held a Captain's commission in the militia.
- 178        viii. *Esther*,<sup>5</sup> born February 14, 1755; who died unmarried, leaving a  
considerable landed property, concerning which there was much litigation  
between the heirs of the father's two wives.
- 179        ix. *Judith*,<sup>5</sup> born April 16, 1757; who married, in 1779, William son  
of David and Abigail (Southworth) Peck,<sup>6</sup> who was born January 6, 1754,  
and who died in Haverstraw, N. Y., having had four children.

James (131) fourth son of Capt. Reinold Marvin probably married Ruth Mather, born December 3, 1715, daughter of Timothy and Sarah Mather of Lyme. I have learned nothing with certainty concerning him, except

<sup>65</sup> My father supposed there was a daughter Eunice, twin sister of Ann, but did not know of Eve. I do not find a Eunice. He was uncertain whether Sarah was a daughter or a sister, but by the valuable assistance of Henry M. Selden Esq. of Haddam Neck, Conn. I am enabled to give the particulars in the text. Capt. Samuel Selden, the husband of Sarah Marvin, was a brother of Elizabeth Selden who married Dea. Elisha Marvin, as appears below.

<sup>66</sup> See Peck Genealogy, by Darus Peck, p. 62; where she is called "Mrs." Judith Marvin. "Mrs." was frequently used for "Mistress" as a mark of respect to unmarried women. The names of these children as given in Peck Genealogy show that her eldest son was named *Reinold Marvin*,<sup>6</sup> for her father; Chapman, in his extracts from the Lyme Records, curiously reads it "Request Marvin."

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180 that he had a son *Moses*,<sup>5</sup> born in Lyme in 1744 (see below). For descendants of this line see our **Pedigree of Marvin**.

Captain Elisha (135) fifth son of Capt. Reinold Marvin married, in 1738, Catharine Mather, born January 11, 1717, who was the sister of his brother James's wife. He was made a Freeman in 1740, and not far from that time he removed from Lyme village to a farm a mile north of Hamburg. It has been said that, in the litigation above referred to as having involved his brother Deacon Reinold, the eldest brother obtained nearly all the estate, and left Elisha to take care of himself. This tradition must probably be taken with allowance, for the latter left a large landed property which descended to his son Joseph (186), thence to his grandson Deacon William, and thence to a son of the latter, the late William J. Marvin (see below), and is now (1889) occupied by the widow of the last William and her two sons.

Capt. Elisha, unlike most Marvins, was not tall, but rather below the average size; he was an active, athletic man, with a powerful voice, and possessed great executive ability. His wife was a charming woman, of devout character, endowed with lively wit, and agreeable in conversation.<sup>87</sup> In the "annual seating" of the meeting-house, on one occasion, her family were moved down a seat or two, when she merely said: "We will grace that seat this year."

This "seating of the Meeting-house" was an old New England custom, and a matter of grave importance in popular estimation, for it established the relative social standing of the town's people. It was usually intrusted to a committee of the leading citizens, who were specially appointed by the town from year to year, and who assigned the different seats to different families, in accordance with their ideas of the relative

<sup>87</sup> The two sisters, Ruth and Catharine, were first cousins of Deborah Mather, wife of Benjamin (117) Marvin, who was first cousin to James (131) and Elisha (135) Marvin, and were great great granddaughters of Richard Mather, the first of the name in New England, and bore the same relation to the famous Gen. Humphrey Atherton of Dorchester.

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precedence of the members of the congregation, after due consideration of their circumstancees, etc.; different parts of the edifice had their peculiar rank, as established by vote of the town, which was called "dignifying the meeting-house." Sometimes a second committee was appointed to "seat" the first, lest their modesty might place them too low.

Mrs. Catharine (Mather) Marvin died December 14, 1799, aged nearly eighty-three, and was interred in the burying-ground near the family-mansion. Her husband died December 3 (Chapman says 31), 1801, aged nearly eighty-five,<sup>88</sup> and was buried near his wife. Their children, of whom the sons are mentioned more fully below, were:

- 181       i. *Picket*,<sup>5</sup> born in 1739 in Lyme, where he died, unmarried, November 23, 1762.
- 182       ii. Deacon *Elisha*,<sup>5</sup> born in June 1742.
- 183       iii. Captain *Timothy*,<sup>5</sup> born in 1744.
- 184       iv. *Enoch*,<sup>5</sup> born in 1747.
- 185       v. General *Elihu*,<sup>5</sup> born in December 1752.
- 186       vi. *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> born February 14, 1755.
- 187       vii. *Catharine*,<sup>5</sup> born January 20, 1757; who married, September 7, 1775, Abner Brockway, and lived on Grassy Hill, in the township of Lyme. She died about 1831, in Lima, N. Y. He died in Lyme September 6, 1808. They had eleven children.

- Samuel (138) eldest son of Dea. Samuel Marvin married, April 2, 1745, Mary Wege (Wade?). He died in East Lyme, Conn., April 18, 1786, aged eighty-six. He had two daughters: i. *Sarah*,<sup>5</sup> born January 27, 1741; ii. *Martha*,<sup>5</sup> born May 2, 1743. I suppose she was the Martha who married Reynold Gillett, perhaps the son of Phoebe (172) eldest daughter

<sup>88</sup> His age at death is said by one informant to have been eighty-four years, eight months and fourteen days. It is impossible to reconcile this with Mr. Chapman's date of his birth, or my father's notes. The discrepancy between Old and New Style does not explain it, though it may arise in part from that.



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190 of Dea. Reinold Marvin, and had a son *James*,<sup>6</sup> who married Elizabeth  
daughter of Jasper and Phoebe (Dorr) Peck of Lyme, and died April 24,  
1819. I have learned little more of this family.<sup>89</sup>

Deacon Zechariah (139) second son of Dea. Samuel Marvin married,  
March 20, 1732, Abigail daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lee) Lord (see  
**Lord**), who was born in 1708. He died in Lyme, September 12, 1792,  
at the age of ninety-one, and was interred "in the burying-ground in Lyme  
Town." His eldest son was :

191 i. *Elihu*,<sup>6</sup> born February 13, 1733;<sup>90</sup> who married : first, Anna Beach  
of Hebron, Conn., December 16, 1762 ; and had four children recorded in  
192 Lyme. Of these the youngest was *Elihu*,<sup>6</sup> born December 13, 1771 ; who  
married, in Hebron, Conn., Clarissa Kilbourn, and about 1804 or 1805  
removed into the "Wilderness" of Pennsylvania, near the present town of  
Mansfield, where he resided until his death, about 1812. His children, of  
whom there were five, returned to their grandfather's in Hebron ; two of his  
sons died unmarried, one daughter died in childhood, and another married  
193 and had issue. The eldest son, *Ira Kilbourn*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, married, October 22,  
1824, Julia daughter of Eliphalet Young, and had eight children ; of whom  
194 the eldest son, Hon. *Edwin Eliphalet*<sup>8</sup> Marvin, resides in Hartford,  
Conn., where he is Clerk of the United States Circuit and District  
Courts ; he has one son. After 1771 Elihu (192) Marvin removed to  
Hebron ; and married, secondly, Mrs. Eunice Gurley.

The second son of Deacon Zechariah was :

195 ii. Ensign *Zechariah*,<sup>6</sup> born August 11, 1735 ; who married : first,  
July 23, 1761, Ama daughter of John Lee, by his second wife, Eunice  
daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Lee of Hartford (see **Lee**).  
She died of small pox, in Lyme, March 1, 1777, in her thirty-eighth year ;  
and he married, secondly, April 15, 1779, Hannah youngest daughter of

<sup>89</sup> See Hyde Gen., p. 983-84, for their children.

<sup>90</sup> My father, in his notes, was unable to place this Elihu, and gave the name of Dea. Zechariah's  
eldest son as *Eliza* ; but Chapman gives Elihu, which, as taken from the Lyme Records, is doubtless  
correct, and I have no hesitation in placing him here.

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John Lay by his second wife, Mary (Lewis) (see **Pedigree of Lay**).

I have not the date of his death. His children, all by his first wife, were :

- 196-97 } 1. *Eunice*,<sup>6</sup> born May 22, 1766 ; 2. *Lee*,<sup>6</sup> born September 16, 1768, who  
198 } died April 22, 1777 ; 3. *Zechariah*,<sup>6</sup> born June 5, 1771 ; 4. *Lucinda*,<sup>6</sup>  
199 } born September 23, 1773 ; and perhaps others who died young.

The other children of Deacon Zechariah were :

- 200       iii. *Thomas*,<sup>5</sup> born October 12, and died October 15, 1737.  
201       iv. *Susannah*,<sup>5</sup> born November 12, 1738.  
202       v. *Thomas*<sup>5</sup> (second of the name), born May 29, 1742 ; who married,  
May 23, 1784, Sarah daughter of John and Hannah (Lee) Lay, born in  
Lyme March 16, 1755. She was a niece of his brother Zechariah's  
second wife (see **Pedigree of Lay**). They had six children. He is  
most probably the Thomas who married, May 24, 1794, as his second wife,  
the widow Sarah Chadwick, daughter of Lieut. William and Phoebe (Sill)  
Lay (see **Pedigree of Lay**), born March 2, 1766.<sup>91</sup>  
203       vi. *Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> born May 2, 1745 ; who died January 30, 1751.  
204       vii. *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> born January 8, 1748 ; who died February 22, 1751.  
205       viii. *Silas*,<sup>5</sup> born July 19, 1750.  
206       ix. *Joseph*<sup>5</sup> (second of the name), born June 22, 1751.

206½       Thomas (140) third son of Dea. Samuel Marvin married Mehitabel<sup>5</sup>  
207       daughter of Lieut. Joseph<sup>4</sup> and Mehitabel (Goodwin) Goodrich. She was  
born March 6, 1716, and was of the fifth generation from the first Matthew  
Marvin, through his daughter Sarah (41) who married Ensign William  
Goodrich. He died about 1763. Their children were :

- 207½       i. *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> a Sea-captain in the West India trade, "who is supposed  
to have been lost at sea not long before the Revolution." He is said to  
have had two children.

<sup>91</sup> I assign the marriage of Thomas and Sarah, daughter of *John Lay*, to the son of Zechariah Marvin. (See Hyde Gen., p. 884, and **Pedigree of Lay**.) My father had some reason to think that James (131) Marvin had a son Thomas, to whom the second marriage above should be attributed ; but I have not been able to discover on what grounds. There may have been two of the name of Thomas, each of whom married a Sarah Lay ; but I doubt it.

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- 208           ii. *Lois*.<sup>5</sup>
- 209           iii. *Mehitable*,<sup>5</sup> born November 19, 1738; who married Capt. Benjamin  
 (69) Marvin, of the line of Matthew of Norwalk. She died September 25,  
 1810. Her husband died in June 1822. They had nine children. The  
 descendants of this family are numerous; many reside in the northern part  
 210 of Vermont, where they are highly respected and influential. *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> the  
 youngest son, resided in Alburgh, Vt., and lived to be nearly or quite ninety.
- 211           iv. *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> who died, unmarried, in "the service in the Old French  
 War," at Oswegatchie, N. Y.
- 212           v. *Susannah*,<sup>5</sup> who married Hezekiah Frisbie; and resided at  
 Duanesburgh, N. Y., where she died.
- 213           vi. *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> who married William Roberts; they resided at  
 214 Hoosick, N. Y., where they had one son, *William*,<sup>6</sup> born about 1786, and a  
 215 daughter, *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> older. They subsequently removed to Troy, N. Y.
- 216           vii. *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> born in Simsbury, Conn., June 7, 1754. After the  
 death of his father he went to reside with his sister Mehitable on Long  
 Island. When the Revolution broke out he enlisted in the Regular Army,  
 and served through the war with credit, participating in many battles,  
 among which were those of Brandywine, Trenton and Monmouth; and  
 was one of the sixty-eight men selected from Lafayette's Regiment of  
 Light Infantry for storming the redoubt at Yorktown. After the close of  
 the war, or about 1784, he married Mary Weed of New Canaan, Conn.  
 He had six children; and many of their descendants are now living in  
 Walton, N. Y., and its vicinity. He removed to Walton, and died there  
 217 September 2, 1846. His third son, Major *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> who died March 25,  
 1881, aged ninety, prepared a brief Genealogy of his own branch of the  
 family, most if not all of which has been printed in Talcott's "Genealog-  
 ical Notes of New York and New England Families," to which I must  
 refer for further particulars.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>22</sup> The information which I have given in the text concerning the descendants of Thomas son of Dea. Samuel Marvin came from this Major Thomas, who corresponded with my father on the family. The Marvin Notes by Talcott will be found on page 596 et seq. These contain many statements

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Captain Matthew (141) fourth son of Dea. Samuel Marvin was married, April 20, 1732, by Rev. Jonathan Parsons, to Mary Beckwith, who was born about 1704, and was, I suppose, the daughter of Sarah Marvin mentioned in note 60. Matthew kept a tavern in Lyme. "He and his wife both died of small pox in Lyme, on the same day (December 25, 1760), taken from a transient person who came to their house, which was turned into a hospital, and all the children were inoculated, and recovered, as well as several neighbors." They were "interred in one grave, in East Lyme, at the head of Niantick, and were the first persons buried in that ground (and perhaps the last)."

Their children were :

- 218        i. *Seth*,<sup>5</sup> who was born July 12, 1733. Rev. Dr. T. M. Cooley said he was "probably killed in a skirmish with the Indians, on the Susquehannah, as he was not heard of after." I think this is questionable, for the Noyes Note-Book says he died in 1776, or possibly in 1777; "But the place is not (as yet, here) ascertained. He was in the Revolutionary service of his country when he met his *last sickness*, and out as a recruiting officer." Dr. Cooley says that he took the small pox in the Old French War, and, returning home with the disease, was the "transient person" who gave it to his parents; but this also, as I find in my father's notes, is probably an error.
- 219        ii. *Eunice*,<sup>5</sup> born December 2, 1735; who married, April 8, 1756, Judge William Noyes of Lyme, who was a son of Moses and Mary (Ely) Noyes, and grandson of Rev. Moses (H. C. 1659), first Minister of Lyme, in 1666, who came from Newbury, Mass., and married Ruth

which I know to be erroneous, but which I do not need to specify, as my own views, based on careful and extended search, will be found in this paper. I will merely say that, when Major Thomas was in correspondence with my father, he was a much younger man than when the Notes were prepared, and he then gave the names as I have done. The later work makes Samuel the eldest son, and lost at sea; and names Joseph as the soldier. It also names *Ozias* as another son, next younger than Mehitabel. I think the latter must have been a descendant of Matthew of Norwalk, and do not include him. It mentions that Benjamin (69) Marvin was also a Captain in the French War.

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Picket.<sup>93</sup> His mother was the daughter of Mary, and granddaughter of Lieut. Reinold, Marvin. Eunice (Marvin) Noyes died April 5, 1816, from a disease which, the quaint Note-Book says, "she long endured with wonderful patience and Christian fortitude. She was a person endowed with an uncommon share of good sense, and was a nice discerner of the intellects and virtues in mankind. In her, with the diligent hand accompanied excellent economy, and before her resolution and perseverance in laudable pursuits obstacles which were surmountable were viewed as trifles. She lived and died the consistent Christian."

In the olden time Saturday evening was regarded as sacred, and a part of the Sabbath; but on Sunday, at "sun-down," the secular hours again began, tempered indeed by the sanctity of the expiring day. As the evening came on, it was a frequent custom for the Rev. Stephen Johnson, then the clergyman at Lyme, to call on Judge Noyes and his wife; the memory of these visits strongly impressed itself upon their children and grandchildren, whose reverence for their parents, profound as it was, was hardly equalled by their veneration for "the Minister," and, if they ventured to put in an appearance on these solemn occasions, they were scarcely allowed to speak. Christmas was passed without notice; but, when New Year's arrived, the grandchildren were remembered with gifts, generally of money, which was brought from an old desk, inherited from Rev. Moses Noyes (whose wife was a descendant of Elder Brewster), and believed to have been brought to New England by the Elder. It is still preserved by Mrs. Chadwick, one of his descendants (see below). A silver can, inscribed with the initials of William and Eunice Noyes and the date 1774, is another heir-loom in the family, now owned by a great great grandson, *Walter Chadwick*<sup>94</sup> Noyes.

It is said that Judge Noyes "was a tall, grave man, the terror of Sabbath-breakers. He never allowed a traveler to pass through Lyme on the Lord's Day without some extraordinary excuse. He was strictly

<sup>93</sup> See Hyde Gen. p. 739. Notices of the Noyes family will be found on pp. 309-10 and 316-17 of *Lord*. To this alliance we trace the use of Picket as a Christian name in our family.

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conventional. When on horseback with his grown-up sons, the latter never presumed to ride on a line with him, but always at a respectful distance behind."<sup>94</sup>

221        Judge Noyes and Eunice Marvin had issue; of whom: 1. *John*,<sup>6</sup> born  
222        1757; who was graduated at Yale in 1775, and was a distinguished  
223-26        Surgeon in the Revolutionary Army; 2. Capt. *Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> born September 7,  
1758; who married Jane (166) daughter of Capt. Enoch and Hepzibah  
(Marvin) Lord; and had issue: *Richard*,<sup>7</sup> *Enoch*,<sup>7</sup> *Eunice*,<sup>7</sup> and *Joseph*<sup>7</sup>  
(see **Lord**). Of these children Enoch married: first, Clarissa Dutton of  
227        New London, Conn., by whom he had eight children born in Lyme. One  
of his daughters, *Ellen*,<sup>8</sup> now a widow, married Hon. Daniel Chadwick, a  
prominent lawyer, and late District Attorney of Connecticut, and resides in  
Lyme; to her we are indebted for the quotations from her great uncle's  
Note-Book. Enoch's second wife was his cousin Catharine Lord (see  
**Lord**), by whom he had no children. Eunice (225) the only daughter of  
Capt. Joseph Noyes, born November 20, 1791, married, in 1811, Col. John  
Christopher Ely of Lyme, later of Baltimore, Md., son of Capt. Christopher  
Ely, a Revolutionary soldier. He liberated his slaves before the law was  
passed by which they became free. They had eleven children.<sup>95</sup>

228        The third child of Judge William and Eunice (Marvin) Noyes was:  
229        3. Squire *William*,<sup>6</sup> who was graduated at Yale in 1781; married Sally  
230        Banks of New Jersey; and had *William*,<sup>7</sup> who married Hannah Townsend  
of Albany, by whom he had several children; one of whom, *Sarah*,<sup>8</sup>  
231        married Capt. William Frederick Griswold, of Lyme (see **Griswold**);  
4. Rev. *Matthew*,<sup>6</sup> who was graduated at Yale in 1785, was a clergyman  
at Northford, Conn., and married Mary the daughter of Rev. Stephen  
Johnson by his second wife Mrs. Mary (Gardiner) Blague; his was the  
Note-Book from which I have occasionally quoted.

The third child of Capt. Matthew and Mary (Beckwith) Marvin was:

<sup>94</sup> See an article on Lyme, by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, in Harper's Magazine for February 1876.

<sup>95</sup> See Hyde Genealogy, p. 140.

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- 232           iii. *Elizabeth*,<sup>5</sup> born about 1737; who married, November 17, 1763, Rev. Sylvanus second son of Rev. George Griswold, the first Pastor of "The Old Synagogue" in East Lyme; her husband was graduated at Yale in 1757, and was the Minister of Feeding Hills, near Springfield, Mass. She died January 27, 1797, aged sixty, "combining," as the Noyes Note-Book says, "wisdom and prudence." They had four children (see **Griswold**, and "Hyde Gen." p. 190).
- 233           iv. *Mary*,<sup>5</sup> born about 1740; who married, April 13, 1762, Samuel Griswold, whose mother was Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Lee (see **Lee**); he was a younger half-brother of her sister Elizabeth's husband Rev. Sylvanus, and born May 23, 1737 (see **Griswold**); she died April 15, 1788, aged forty-eight. The Noyes Note-Book adds the brief comment "Semper eadem."
- 234           v. Captain *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> born July 2, 1742 (see below).
- 235           vi. Captain *Ezra*,<sup>5</sup> born July 15, 1744 (see below).
- 236           vii. *Abigail*,<sup>5</sup> born about 1747; who married, November 20, 1766, Col. Marshfield Parsons, as his second wife; and died without issue, August 22, 1782, in her thirty-fifth year. "In her deportment always happy, pleasant and contented." Her husband subsequently married twice,<sup>96</sup> and died January 13, 1813, aged eighty.
- 237           viii. *Rhoda*,<sup>5</sup> born about 1749; who married, May 1, 1768, William<sup>97</sup> son of Richard and Deborah (Ely) Mather, who was born November 21, 1747; they moved to, and died in, Southwick, Mass.
- 238           ix. *Phoebe*,<sup>5</sup> born about 1751; who married Thomas, believed to have been a son of Samuel and Jane (Freeman, or Truman), Lee (see **Lee**); and died in June, 1834, aged eighty-three; she had a son *Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> who
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<sup>96</sup> Col. Parsons had previously married Lois (145) Wait, who was the daughter of Elizabeth Marvin and Richard Wait, as already mentioned.

<sup>97</sup> The Marvins and Mathers have intermarried frequently, mingling their lines so closely that it is sometimes difficult to state the relationship. This William, for instance, was a nephew of Deborah Mather who married Benjamin (117) Marvin.

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married Esther Douglas, and had issue. "Grave and dignified in her deportment, she lived respected and died lamented."

240 x. *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> who died "young, but the time when is now unknown."

The Noyes Note-Book concludes its record with "Sic transit gloria mundi."

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John (156) the eldest son of John Marvin married, February 10, 1747, Sarah Brooker of Saybrook, whose maiden name was Grinnell. She was the widow of John son of John and Mary Brooker of Torrington, Conn., and had five children by her first husband.\* This John Marvin resided in Lyme until 1767, when "he removed to Surry, or Gilford, N. H.;" in the latter place, according to Chapman, his youngest son was born. His children are given below, the dates of birth being taken from the Lyme Records, as printed by Chapman in "The N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register,"<sup>8</sup> and differ somewhat from those given in my father's notes. I learn from Dr. Charles A. Marvin of Torrington that the husbands of the daughters bore the names of Royce, Chandler, Parker, Delance (of Champlain, N. Y., who had no issue) and Shepherd, who resided in New Hampshire; but I am not able to assign them :

- 241 1. *Hepzibah*,<sup>6</sup> born December 7, 1747.
- 242 2. *Sarah*,<sup>6</sup> born June 27, 1749.
- 243 3. *Giles*,<sup>6</sup> born December 23, 1751 (see below).
- 244 4. *Lois*,<sup>6</sup> born May 12, 1754.
- 245 5. *Esther*,<sup>6</sup> born September 12, 1756; who died November 22, 1759.
- 246 6. *John*,<sup>6</sup> born May 6, 1759; who died June 14, 1759.
- 247 7. *Lydia*,<sup>6</sup> born December 4, 1760.
- 248 8. *John*<sup>6</sup> (second of the name), born December 15, 1763; some of his descendants are mentioned below.

<sup>8</sup> See History of Torrington, Conn. I suspect for Gilford we should read "Gilsun," the town adjoining Surry.

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- 249           9. *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> born March 2, 1766.  
 250           10. *Adonijah*,<sup>6</sup> born in Gilford (or Gilsum), N. H., April 16, 1769 ;  
 who married, but I have not learned the name of his wife ; his children  
 251-54 were : (1.) *Owen* ;<sup>7</sup> (2.) *William* ;<sup>7</sup> (3.) *Sarah Marilla* ;<sup>7</sup> (4.) *Delavan* ;<sup>7</sup>  
 255 and (5.) *Lydia*.<sup>7</sup>

Adonijah (158) second son of John Marvin married, August 20, 1755,  
 Diadema Miller. He died in Lyme, April 20, 1758, aged twenty-six. His  
 256 children were : 1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme June 30, 1756 ; she may  
 have been the Elizabeth who married, August 18, 1774, Lee son of  
 Benjamin and Sarah (Champen, or Champion) Peck, born July 1, 1752 ;  
 257 she died in Lyme ; 2. *Diadema*,<sup>6</sup> born April 5, 1758.

Benjamin (168) only son of Benjamin Marvin was twice married ; first,  
 October 29, 1767, to Phoebe Rowland of Lyme, who died December 27,  
 1812, aged sixty-seven ; and, secondly, to Abby Smith, who died Septem-  
 ber 28, 1840, aged seventy-three. He died in Lyme, June 14, 1823, aged  
 seventy-nine. Benjamin Marvin and his two wives are interred in the  
 Duck-River Burying-ground. His children, all by his first wife, were :

- 258           1. *Abigail*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme, August 29, 1768 ; who died December  
 5, 1776.  
 259           2. Deacon *Uriah*,<sup>6</sup> born August 8, 1770 (see below).  
 260           3. *John*,<sup>6</sup> born June 8, 1772 (see below).  
 261           4. *William*,<sup>6</sup> born April 6, 1775 ; who married, June 29, 1820, Julia  
 Ann Taber. William Marvin was a resident of Albany, N. Y., as early  
 as 1800, in which year he formed a partnership with his brother John,  
 under the name of William & John Marvin. "They carried on business  
 as grocers in the store on the south-west corner of State and Quay streets."  
 His younger brother Alexander commenced business in 1804 in Ballston,  
 N. Y., where John had first established himself about 1796, and about  
 1806 went to Albany and joined his brothers John and William. About  
 1810 they purchased a lot on the east side of Court street, afterwards

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called South Market, and since named South Broadway, "at the south corner of Trotter's Alley," and there the three brothers established themselves under the name of W., J. & A. Marvin. John retired in 1822, and his brothers continued under the style of W. & A. Marvin, until 1828, when William retired, and some time later removed to New London, Conn., where he died in 1849. He had no children. The other brothers (Uriah and his younger brother, Richard) were also in business in Albany. Mr. Gorham A. Worth, in his "Random Recollections of Albany"<sup>100</sup> speaks of these brothers, each of whom acquired a large property, as among "the principal merchants of the city, . . . who gave life and character to its business interests." They were among the earliest New England families to establish themselves in that city. In 1789 it is said that there were not more than five such residing there.

The fifth child of Benjamin and Phoebe (Rowland) Marvin was :

- 262        5. *Abigail*<sup>6</sup> (second of the name), born March 27, 1777; who married, October 29, 1797, Ichabod Smith; and died May 14, 1802. Her husband died June 12, 1807, aged thirty-five. They had three children : (1.)
- 263        and (2.) a son and a daughter, twins, of whom one died February 23, and the other February 28, 1799, when but a few days old ; (3.) *Abby Marvin*,<sup>7</sup> born April 20, 1802; who married, March 15, 1820, Edward C. Delavan; she died at Ballston, June 19, 1848, and was interred at Albany; an obituary in the "New York Observer" for July 1, 1848, contained a pleasant tribute to her memory. Judge McCurdy knew her from childhood, and describes her as a very beautiful woman of a lovely character. Mr. Delavan was a hardware-merchant in Albany, and a prominent leader in the temperance-cause; he died in Schenectady, N. Y., January 16, 1871, at the age of seventy-eight, having had four sons (three of whom died before their father), and two daughters, one of whom, *Mary Norton*<sup>8</sup>
- 264        Delavan, married Albion Ransom, and died at Newtonsville, near Albany, August 4, 1863; the other died in infancy.

<sup>100</sup> p. 45. The volume forms one of Munsell's "Historical Series."

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265        6. *Phoebe*,<sup>6</sup> born May 18, 1779; who married, in February 1802, Uriah Benedict, as his second wife; she died September 27, 1825; he died May 10, 1813, aged forty-eight.

“Uriah Benedict, who married Phebe Marvin, was born October 1, 1765, and was the son of Uriah of Norwalk, Conn., and a descendant of Thomas the original settler; his first wife was Ruth daughter of Joseph and Sarah Rockwell, born in Connecticut; who died February 18, 1801, at Milton, now Malta, N. Y. His father had settled north of Albany, in the wilderness, about the beginning of the Revolution. The deed of his farm at Ball’s Town afterwards Ballston bears the date January 12, 1774. The neighborhood was filled with Tories, and in 1779 the family were obliged to repair to Schenectady for safety. The inhabitants were attacked by Indians and Tories, but, as soon as the marauders had withdrawn with some of their prisoners, the people rallied and pursued them, and Uriah, then only fourteen, was one of the party. He saw service again in the fall of 1781, when he enlisted for the defence of the frontier. After the close of the war he settled in business in Milton, where he remained till 1805, when he became a partner with Uriah Marvin in the West India goods- and produce-business. A man of diligence and enterprise, he was eminently successful: distinguished for hospitality, ‘his charity to the poor was even more generous than his entertainment of the stranger. He was a gentle and amiable man, a tender husband and father, and not less useful and exemplary as a citizen.’”

265½        He had four children by his first wife. He had a sister Polly, who married William Marvin, fifth in descent from Matthew the brother of Reginold.<sup>101</sup> By his second wife (Phoebe Marvin) Uriah Benedict had  
266        one son, *Henry Alexander Marvin*<sup>7</sup> Benedict, born March 7, 1810, at Milton, now Malta, N. Y.; who married Margaret Ann Jessup of Schodack, N. Y.; and died in Utica, N. Y., November 20, 1851, leaving two daughters, who are (or were recently) living.

267        7. *Lois*,<sup>6</sup> born May 2, 1781; who died August, 1781.

<sup>101</sup> See Benedict Genealogy, pp. 96 and 170, prepared by Henry Marvin Benedict, a son of Lewis, the eldest son of Uriah by his first wife; two younger brothers of this Lewis had “Marvin” as a middle name, and three of his sons were graduates of, or students at, Williams. I find by this volume that the Benedicts intermarried frequently with descendants of both Reginold and Matthew, and from the similarity of names have had some difficulty in tracing the lines of relationship.

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- 268        8. *Lois*<sup>6</sup> (second of the name), born July 21, 1782; who married, October 9, 1803, David E. Gregory, who was, I suppose, a descendant of Dea. Matthew Gregory of Norwalk, Conn. I have not learned the date of her death, or that of her husband; their third son was Dr. *Lewis*
- 269        *Benedict*<sup>7</sup> Gregory, born June 4, 1808, who married, July 27, 1830, Lucia Marvin daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Lee) Hill (see *Lcc*); and had five children. He died August 1, 1838, and his widow died in November 1850.
- 270        9. *Alexander*,<sup>6</sup> born January 31, 1785 (see below).
- 271        10. *Richard*,<sup>6</sup> born April 19, 1787; who died, unmarried, August 20, 1840. He was a merchant in Albany.
- 272        11. *Edward Lee*,<sup>6</sup> born August 16, 1789; who died in Lyme October 16, 1820,<sup>102</sup> and was interred in Duck-River Burying-ground.

Reinold (171) eldest son of Dea. Reinold Marvin was graduated at Yale in 1748; he removed to Litchfield, Conn., where he died in 1802. He chose the legal profession, being the first to practice law in Litchfield; and was "King's Councillor,"<sup>103</sup> which office he resigned to engage in the struggle for independence. He was long a leader among those eminent lawyers who gave such brilliancy to the Litchfield bar. He married Ruth Welch, and had:

- 273        *Ruth*,<sup>6</sup> born in Litchfield about 1764; who married Ephraim Kirby, and died in Litchfield in October, 1817. The "Biographical History of Litchfield County" says of her:

"She is worthy of honorable mention on the page that commemorates those who have done most to reflect honor upon Litchfield, so full of cherished memories. She

<sup>102</sup> See Random Recollections of Albany, p. 80.

<sup>103</sup> This office, sometimes called "King's Attorney," was created in May, 1704; the first step had been taken in October, 1662, when William Pitkin, 1st, of Hartford, was appointed to prosecute certain offenders as the representative of the Crown. The Act provided that there should be "in every Countie a sober, discreet and religious person, appointed by the County Courts, to be Attorney for the Queen, to prosecute and implead in the lawe all criminal offenses and to doe all other things necessary or convenient, as an Attorney, to suppress vice and immoralitie." From these requirements of the statute we may form some estimate of the man.

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possessed a rare combination of talents and accomplishments, blended with all Christian virtues that adorn and make the female character lovely. Born to the prospect of a fortune, highly educated and refined, she met the reverses of after-life with equanimity and energy, and a display of practical talent for the business of life, in the husbandry of her narrow resources, and the education of her children, that commanded the admiration of all who knew her."

Judge Kirby was born in Litchfield, Conn., February 23, 1757. His father was a farmer. He was for a time a student at Yale but was not graduated. At the age of nineteen, probably leaving College for the purpose with his fellow-student Ebenezer Huntington, he participated in the march of the Continental troops to Boston, and was engaged in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and subsequently served through the War of the Revolution with distinction, returning at its close with thirteen honorable scars. Though he left his Alma Mater without permission when the news of Concord and Lexington aroused her sons, it is evident that she freely forgave him, for in 1787 she made him Master of Arts. After the war he engaged in the practice of law in Litchfield, studying his profession in the office of Reinold Marvin, whose daughter he married. He was a member of the Assembly in 1791 and 1795, and was re-chosen for thirteen semi-annual elections. While practicing law in Litchfield he published a volume of "Reports of the Decisions of the Superior Court, and the Supreme Court of Errors, of Connecticut, in 1785-88;" these were the first Reports ever issued in the United States. He was Supervisor of the National Revenue for Connecticut, and was several times nominated as the candidate of his party (Jeffersonian Democrat) for Governor. He was prominent in Freemasonry, and five years Master of St. Paul's Lodge in Litchfield,<sup>104</sup> which still preserves his sword, and a few books which he presented to its library. He died October 2, 1804, in Fort Stoddard,

<sup>104</sup> A pamphlet giving an account of the Centennial of this Lodge (p. 17, et seq.) has an extended notice of him; full notices of Ephraim Kirby and of his son Col. Edmund will also be found in Kilbourne's *Biographical History of Litchfield County*, pp. 103, 196.

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Miss., on his way to Louisiana, of which Territory he was appointed Judge, soon after its acquisition by the United States, receiving the position from President Jefferson. The centennial pamphlet mentioned in note 104 says he had eight children ; I have the names of only six.

274       The eldest daughter of Ephraim and Ruth (Marvin) Kirby, *Frances*,<sup>7</sup>  
275       married Joseph Smith, at one time Judge of the United States Court in  
Florida. Their son, *Edmund Kirby*<sup>8</sup> Smith, born in Florida, was in the  
United States Army, and was brevetted a Captain in 1847, for gallantry at  
Contreras in the Mexican War ; he was subsequently a general officer, of  
high reputation for bravery, in the Confederate service. He married  
276       Catharine Selden of Petersburg, Va., and has a son *Reinold Marvin*<sup>9</sup> Smith.  
Gen. Smith is now a Professor in the University of the South, at Sewanee,  
277       Tenn. His sister *Fanny*<sup>8</sup> married Col. Lucien B. Webster, who was born  
in Vermont, entered the U. S. Army in 1823, was brevetted Lieut.-  
Colonel in 1847, for gallantry and meritorious conduct at Buena Vista, in  
the Mexican War, and died November 4, 1853, having had a son, *Edmund*  
278       *Kirby*<sup>9</sup> Webster, who was graduated at West Point, and in 1874 was First  
Lieutenant in the Second Infantry, U. S. A.

279       The second daughter of Ephraim Kirby by Ruth Marvin, *Harriet*,<sup>7</sup>  
married Francis S. Belton, who was born in Maryland, entered the Army  
in 1812, as Second Lieutenant, and was brevetted Lieut.-Colonel in 1847, for  
gallant services, in the battles of Contreras and Cherubusco in the Mexican  
War, was promoted to be Colonel of the Fourth Artillery in 1857, and  
retired in August, and died September 10, 1861. I have not learned the  
date of his wife's death ; she left a son who is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

280       The eldest son of Ruth Marvin by Ephraim Kirby, *Reynold Marvin*<sup>7</sup>  
Kirby, entered the United States Army as Lieutenant in 1813 ; he almost  
immediately distinguished himself ; in August, 1814, and again in the  
following month, he was brevetted by the President for gallantry at Fort  
Erie, on the latter date was made a Major, for his conduct in a sortie  
on the enemy from that fort, and died in the service, October 7, 1842 ;  
several of his children are still living.

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281        *Edmund*,<sup>7</sup> another son, born in Litchfield, April 8, 1794, married, February 14, 1825, Eliza daughter of Gen. Jacob and Pamela (Williams) Brown, who was born in Brownsville, N. Y., August 13, 1808; the wedding was a brilliant one; it took place at Washington, and was graced by the presence of President John Quincy Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette. He held the rank of Major in the Regular Army, serving with distinction in the Indian Wars in Florida, from 1832 to 1840, and afterwards with Gen. Taylor in the Mexican War, receiving promotion to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel and Colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct at Contreras, Cherubusco and Chapultepec; he was "distinguished for wisdom, bravery and fidelity." He died at Avon Springs, N. Y., August 20, 1849, of disease contracted while serving in Mexico. He left nine children; 282 the eldest of whom, *Jacob*,<sup>8</sup> named for his grandfather Gen. Brown, was graduated at Yale the day before his father's death; another son, 283 *Edmund*,<sup>8</sup> a graduate of West Point, was a Lieutenant of the First Artillery, U. S. A., and died May 28, 1863, of wounds received in the battle of Chancellorsville. A younger son, Rev. *Reynold Marvin*<sup>8</sup> Kirby, 284 who was graduated at Hobart College and the General Theological Seminary of New York, is an Episcopal clergyman, and the Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, N. Y. He was elected Bishop of the "Nevada and Utah Mission," in 1888, but declined the office. Four of Col. Edmund Kirby's daughters are living. Mrs. Eliza (Brown) Kirby died in West Farms, N. Y., January 12, 1864, at the residence of her son-in-law William E. Everett, U. S. N.

285        The younger daughters of Ruth Marvin by Ephraim Kirby, both deceased, were: *Katharine*,<sup>7</sup> who married Dr. Russell, of the U. S. Army, 286 and left children now living; and *Helen*,<sup>7</sup> who married Judge Putnam of Florida, and left issue now dead.<sup>105</sup>

287        <sup>105</sup> I have recently learned that Paymaster Nathan W. Brown, U. S. A., is a descendant of Ruth Marvin; but I have no particulars. He was made Brigadier General for faithful services during the War for the Union.

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When the equestrian statue of King George, of gilded lead, which stood in the Bowling Green in New York, was overthrown and broken up, portions were conveyed to Litchfield, Conn., for safety, and buried under an old apple tree "of the 'pound' variety," in Hon. Oliver Wolcott's garden,<sup>16</sup> near the corner of the homestead, where it remained until the immediate danger had passed, when the lead was dug up and cast into bullets, under the direction of Mr. Wolcott; these were used for cartridges, of which Mrs. Reinold Marvin made 6,058, her daughter Ruth 11,592, and the family of Mr. Wolcott more than 20,000 more. The soldierly blood of the descendants of the old Pilgrim Lieutenant and of "Lyme's Captain" showed itself clearly in this incident; and a glance at the record of her daughter Ruth, above given, will show that it had lost none of its vigor; of her immediate descendants two sons and two grandsons were distinguished officers in the United States Army; two daughters, and two granddaughters married officers; a grandson also attained distinction later in the Confederate Army; while others of a still later generation are now in the National service.

Captain Dan (173) second son of Deacon Reinold Marvin was married, October 14, 1762, by Rev. Geo. Beckwith, to Mehitable the fifth daughter of Col. Samuel (Sr.) and Deborah (Dudley) Selden. Her nephew Capt. Samuel Selden married Sarah the younger sister of Capt. Dan, and her own sister Deborah Selden was the mother of Rev. Dr. Nott, the late distinguished President of Union College. Mehitable Selden was baptized December 4, 1743. Her husband died in Lyme, December 30, 1776, and was interred in the burying-ground three miles north of the

<sup>16</sup> I am reminded by Roger Wolcott Esq., of Boston, a lineal descendant of Hon. Oliver (one of the Signers of the Declaration and afterwards Governor of Connecticut), by whose kind assistance some doubts regarding Reinold Marvin's family have been settled, that the head of this statue was taken to England. In the Diary of Gov. Thos. Hutchinson, ii. p. 167, he mentions seeing it in the drawing room of Lord Townshend, Portman Square, London. The story of the cartridges has been several times printed, and in one of these accounts Gov. Wolcott's children are erroneously said to have been Marvins, and children of Reinold the King's Councillor.



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village. She then married, secondly, Abraham Pratt of Essex, but previously of Saybrook, Conn., as his second wife, whom she survived, dying at an advanced age.<sup>107</sup>

The children of Captain Dan and Mehitable (Selden) Marvin were:

- 288       1. *Reinold*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme, July 21, 1763; who died December 10,  
1767.
- 289       2. *Dan*,<sup>6</sup> born October 15, 1765 (see below).
- 290       3. *Reinold*,<sup>6</sup> (second of the name), born March 21, 1769 (see below).
- 291       4. *Sarah*,<sup>6</sup> born September 21, 1771; who married, January 9, 1791,  
her step-brother Joel son of Abraham and Rachel (Jones) Pratt of  
Saybrook, who was born in 1763; he was a farmer, and also Judge of  
the County Court for many years, residing in Essex. He died February 9,  
1848, having long survived his wife who died January 27, 1813. They  
had three children.
- 292       5. *Selden*,<sup>6</sup> born November 24, 1773 (see below).
- 293       6. *James*,<sup>6</sup> born May 16, 1776; who died November 6, 1779.

Moses (180) son of James Marvin married at Lyme, March 30, 1780,  
Zilpha Gillet. She was perhaps the daughter of John Pratt, and born in  
Colchester, Conn. He removed to Genesee county, N. Y. I have not  
the date of his death. His children were born in Lyme, and were seven in  
294       number, six sons and one daughter; one of the sons was Dea. *William*,<sup>6</sup>  
born October 15, 1797, who is mentioned below.

Deacon Elisha (182) second son of Captain Elisha Marvin married,  
July 10, 1766, Elizabeth (106) daughter of Colonel Samuel Selden Jr., by  
Elizabeth Ely granddaughter of Mary (102) Marvin of Lyme; and sister  
of Capt. Samuel Selden who married Sarah (177) Marvin. She was born

<sup>107</sup> For information regarding Mehitable Selden I am indebted to Mr. H. M. Selden, who tells me that the date of her death, as furnished him, was August 16, 1841, and that her age was said to be seventy-six, "which is evidently an error either in the date or age."

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April 16, 1747. Dea. Elisha removed to that part of Lyme called "Joshua-town," from a celebrated Indian chief, the son of Uncas, who in the early days of the colony made it his favorite haunt. On the border of the river is "Mohegan Rock," once the south-west boundary of the Mohegan territory; a cleft in this rock is still shown as his "seat," from which, like the robber barons of the Rhine, he discharged arrows at persons passing up and down the river, in boats or canoes, and compelled them to land to pay him tribute. Like his ancestors, Elisha Marvin was a Deacon in the Congregational Church, and sustained through life a high character for piety and respectability. He died at Lyme, October 21, 1817, aged seventy-five. His widow died July 24, 1825, aged seventy-eight.

I am indebted to Mr. H. M. Selden for the following:

"Mrs. Marvin was a woman of decided character, and very energetic, fully imbued with the patriotic impulses of her distinguished father, a worthy help-meet of her husband, and heartily sympathizing with him in his devotion to the cause of independence. Tradition tells us that he was somewhat inclined to procrastination, and occasionally negligent of home duties; with this trait his wife was not so patient.

"His youngest son, Elihu, who died a little more than ten years ago, related to me some incidents in which his parents and his brother Selden, as well as himself, participated, during the Revolution. A British fleet was lying in the Sound, not far from Lyme, and to obtain a supply of fresh beef offered such a goodly price that it proved a strong temptation to some of the "tories" who resided there. They secretly gathered a drove of fat cattle, and had two vessels at the mouth of "Eight Mile River" to convey them to the enemy. There was a large family in town who were about equally divided in their sentiments, half of them being "whigs" and the others "tories" or loyalists. One evening the son of one of the whig brothers, a boy of twelve, was at his grandmother's, and happened to overhear a conversation going on in her bedroom. Concealing himself under a bench beneath her window he learned that the tories had loaded one vessel and were about to load the other with the cattle. He hastened to report what he had heard to Deacon Marvin, who immediately gathered from the Seldens, his brothers and neighbors, a little force of eleven resolute men, who proceeded under his leadership to the place of embarkation, followed by his sons, Elihu and Selden, and the lad who had carried the information. Deacon Marvin gave his orders so loudly, and in such a manner, as to cause the tories

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to believe that they were surrounded by a strong party; the guard dispersed, and the cattle on shore were captured, and driven to Mr. Marvin's barn. The other vessel, alarmed, cut her cables and escaped, firing a swivel as she sailed, the ball from which struck the pile of logs behind which the boys were hiding.

"Mrs. Marvin, after the beeves had been driven to her husband's barn, dressed herself in her husband's overcoat and a cocked hat, and mounted guard about the enclosure, while her friends were pursuing the tories. An aged neighbor, seeing something unusual was transpiring, also procured a gun, and kept her company. During the night the tories, learning where the cattle had been taken, came up, and tore down a portion of the fence, but finding there was a patrol they retreated.

"The captured vessel was taken up the Connecticut River and placed under guard at a point not far from "Joshua's Seat," and the youth who had given the information was rewarded for his spirit by being placed as its guard by day. While so employed, one of his tory uncles tried to recapture it, drifting down the river in a boat for the purpose. As he drew near the boy ordered him to stop; but without effect. The uncle still advanced. The boy cocked his gun, and, aiming at his uncle, again ordered him to stop. 'Why, L., you will not shoot your uncle N., will you?' 'I have no uncle N. now,' replied the boy with spirit, meaning that his ties of kindred were second to his sense of duty to his country. The uncle, seeing the boy's determination, wisely withdrew. This anecdote was related to me by Mrs. Abner L. Ely, a granddaughter of one of the principal actors, substantially as given me by Mr. Marvin. During her visit to the old home in 1877, just after the Selden family-meeting, a search was made in the attic, at her request, and, to the surprise of the occupants, among the accumulations of years an old gun was found, which is believed to have been the one used by Mrs. Marvin the night the cattle were captured."

The children of Deacon Elisha and Elizabeth (Selden) Marvin were:

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1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born July 6, 1767; who married, January 8, 1792, "Elder" Judah the son of Dea. Joseph and Desire (Pratt) Colt, who was born in Lyme July 1, 1767, and was a brother of Deborah, mentioned above, who married Capt. Samuel Selden,<sup>18</sup> as his second wife. They resided for a time in Canandaigua, N. Y., and subsequently removed to Erie, Pa., where she died April 13, 1834; her husband also died in Erie,

<sup>108</sup> See (177). These various intermarriages of Marvins and Seldens have made it a matter of much difficulty to trace the alliances, and I am much indebted to Mr. H. M. Selden for assistance here.

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- 296 at an advanced age. They had one daughter, *Elizabeth*,<sup>7</sup> who died in  
early childhood.
- 297 2. *Elisha*,<sup>6</sup> born November 22, 1768 (see below).
- 298 3. *Selden*,<sup>6</sup> born March 2, 1770; who died unmarried, October 23,  
1794, in Clinton, N. Y., where he was buried. He and his brother Elisha  
assisted in the cattle-adventure mentioned above.
- 299 4. *Phoebe*,<sup>6</sup> born November 28, 1772; who married, April 14, 1799,  
Col. Seth son of Deacon Seth and Lydia (Reynolds) Ely of North Lyme,  
Conn. They removed to Ripley, N. Y., where she died suddenly, in  
November 1852; and her husband died December 11, 1847, aged nearly  
eighty-three. They had seven children, all born in Lyme; the third of  
300 whom, a daughter *Phoebe Hubbard*<sup>7</sup> Ely married, July 5, 1827, Matthew  
Griswold of Blackhall, son of Gov. Roger Griswold, and had a large  
family (see **Griswold**).
- 301 5. *Enoch*,<sup>6</sup> born October 19, 1774; who married, in 1820, Eliza Hull;  
and died in Beaver, Pa., March 31, 1840, where he was then residing; he  
had no children.
- 302 6. *Deborah*,<sup>6</sup> born July 11, 1779; who died in Lyme, unmarried,  
May 28, 1802.
- 303 7. *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> born April 1, 1784; who died in Ripley, N. Y., unmarried,  
April 30, 1841.
- 304 8. Hon. *Dudley*,<sup>6</sup> born May 29, 1786 (see below).
- 305 9. *Emily*,<sup>6</sup> born November 25, 1789; who married, June 12, 1833,  
305½ her cousin George<sup>7</sup> son of Capt. Samuel and Deborah (Colt) Selden of  
Lyme, as his second wife; and died, May 4, 1856, in Erie, Pa., where she  
and her husband resided. They had no children. "She was an excellent  
lady, of eminent Christian virtues, and great usefulness." Her husband  
was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and a few days after his death,  
which occurred May 23, 1857, the "Erie Gazette," in its editorial columns  
and in an obituary notice, spoke most highly of his character.
- 306 10. *Elihu*,<sup>6</sup> born August 1, 1791 (see below).

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Captain Timothy (183) third son of Captain Elisha Marvin married : first, May 30, 1765, Sarah daughter of James and Margaret Perkins of Lyme. She died August 25 (or October 23), 1795 ; and he married, secondly, Mrs. Azubah (Harvey) Sill, who was the widow of Captain Micah Sill ; her first husband was a descendant of Capt. Joseph Sill who married the widow of Lieut. Reinold Marvin. Her husband married, thirdly, Mrs. Prudence Lewis. Captain Timothy Marvin died in North Lyme, February 27, 1808, aged sixty-four. His children, all by his first wife, were :

- 307-08      1. *Lucy*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme, March 14, 1766 ; who married Daniel Fuller, a descendant of Sarah (41) Marvin ;<sup>9</sup> and died in Willington, Conn., March, 1843, leaving issue.
- 309          2. *Pickett*,<sup>6</sup> born February 5, 1768 ; who removed to Ohio, and resided in Jackson and Chillicothe, where he accumulated a handsome estate ; was a Representative in the State Legislature ; and died in June 1853, in Bloomfield, O., leaving issue.
- 310          3. *Asahel*,<sup>6</sup> born September 16, 1769 (see below).
- 311          4. *Timothy*,<sup>6</sup> born August 3, 1771 ; who married Rachel Crosby, and removed to Northwestern Pennsylvania, where he died between 1840 and 1850, leaving issue.
- 312          5. *Sarah*,<sup>6</sup> born July 7, 1773 ; who married Elihu Gould, who was born September 6, 1769. She died in March 1838 ; her husband died in November 1823 ; they had eleven children ; three of them married Fullers, very probably their cousins.
- 313-14      6. *Huldah*,<sup>6</sup> born May 31, 1775 ; who married Matthias Fuller, brother of her sister Lucy's husband Daniel Fuller ; I have nothing further of this family.
- 315          7. *Seth*,<sup>6</sup> born March 17, 1777 ; who was a young man of unusual talent, and a physician ; during the prevalence of the yellow fever at the North he went to Cuba to study the disease, but fell a victim to his

<sup>109</sup> See The Goodrich Family, p. 36.

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desire to benefit his fellow-men, dying at Havana of that fever, April 23, 1799; he was unmarried.

316 8. *Abijah*,<sup>6</sup> born April 6, 1779, died in Sharon, Mich., August 12, 1853.

317 9. *Catharine*,<sup>6</sup> born June 10, 1781; who married Henry Crittenton,  
318 and died in 1823. She had one son, *Henry Marshall*,<sup>7</sup> and a daughter  
319 *Catharine*,<sup>7</sup> who was for many years a teacher in Elizabeth, N. J., where  
she was highly esteemed.

320 10. *Calvin*,<sup>6</sup> born June 1, 1784. He was a physician, and early  
removed to Ontario county, N. Y., and subsequently to Oakland, Mich.  
Like so many of his ancestors and kindred, he filled the office of Deacon.  
He was twice married: first, October 9, 1809, to Alice Mather Ransom  
of Colchester, Conn., who was born April 17, 1787; by whom he had nine  
children. She died May 14, 1829; and he married, secondly, Deborah W.  
Gibbs, by whom he had a son who died young. He died in February 1848.

321 His eldest son, *Seth Perkins*<sup>7</sup> Marvin, was a physician, residing in Dewitt,  
322 Mich.; Calvin Marvin's youngest daughter was *Alice*,<sup>7</sup> born in Troy, Mich.,  
323 May 14,<sup>10</sup> 1829; who married *Noel Byron*<sup>10</sup> Hollister, a descendant of  
John Hollister who married Sarah (42) Marvin; and has had three  
daughters; she now resides in Grandview, near Henryville, So. Ind.

324 11. *Elizabeth*<sup>6</sup> (always called Betsey), born September 25, 1786;  
who married Samuel Parsons of Lyme, and had several children; the  
family removed to Northwestern Pennsylvania, and some of her descend-  
ants resided at Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

325 12. *Mather*,<sup>6</sup> born June 25, 1789 (see below).

Enoch (184) fourth son of Captain Elisha Marvin married Ruth  
eldest daughter of Wells and Elizabeth (Williams) Ely of Lyme. He  
removed to Missouri in 1817, with the younger members of his family, and  
died about 1842, at the age of ninety-four. A grandson, the late Bishop  
Marvin (see below), wrote my father some reminiscences of this gentleman,

<sup>110</sup> See The Hollister Family, which gives the date of the birth of Alice as April 24.

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after he had become very aged, showing that he inherited some of the eccentricities of the Reynolds of an earlier day. He said :

"My grandfather died in the winter of 1841-2, at a very advanced age. He was a man of very powerful frame, and a strong mind ; a good penman and a great reader. He was remarkable as much for his *enormous nose*, as for anything else. After losing his teeth, when his mouth was compressed, his chin was not only in contact with the end of his nose, but actually elevated it considerably. He fully appreciated the fun that this caused the little folks of the family, and did not hesitate to enter into it also. How often I have watched this singular phenomenon, when he would be eating. In his younger days in traveling, when he would meet a stranger on those wild western roads, he would sometimes gravely draw his nasal organ on one side, and graciously inform the gentleman that he 'could drive by, now.' He was a farmer, and some of his descendants were among the pioneer settlers of Iowa, where they prospered. With all his oddities he was much respected by all who knew him."

His children were :

- 326 1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> who is said to have married Benjamin Davis.<sup>111</sup> She  
327-29 had children : *Henry*,<sup>7</sup> *Myra*<sup>7</sup> and *Elizabeth*.<sup>7</sup>
- 330 2. *Catharine*,<sup>6</sup> concerning whom I know nothing.
- 331 3. *Elisha*,<sup>6</sup> who married, in 1805, Laura daughter of Dr. Dan and  
Isabella (Henry) Foote, then of Pittsfield, Mass., and afterwards of New  
Berlin, N. Y.<sup>112</sup> They had three children.
- 332 4. *Rebecca*,<sup>6</sup> who married Christopher second son of Martin and  
Sabra (Miner) Lee of Lyme, by whom she had five children (see **Mt**).
- 333 5. *Sarah*,<sup>6</sup> who went to the West with her father in 1817 ; married  
Benjamin Davis ; and had six children, who scattered widely, some residing  
in Missouri, some in Arkansas, and some in Oregon.

<sup>111</sup> I question the accuracy of this statement, thinking my informant confused her husband's name with that of her youngest sister's husband.

<sup>112</sup> An account of an exciting adventure with a bear, after they removed to New Berlin, and in which Elisha Marvin and some of the Footes participated, is given in the Foote Genealogy, p. 300.

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- 334-35        6. *Ruth*<sup>5</sup> and 7. *Rhoda*,<sup>6</sup> twins. Ruth went to the West not long after her father; married Enoch Perkins; and had six children. Of her sister Rhoda I know nothing.
- 336            8. *Mary*.<sup>6</sup>
- 337            9. *Wells Ely*,<sup>6</sup> born in 1792; who married Mary Davis of Chenango, N. Y. (a sister of his brother-in-law Benjamin Davis), and resided near Wright City, Warren Co., Mo.; he died in 1856 or 1857, aged about sixty-four. He was a man of small stature, even temper, and great good sense, and left his children the heritage of a good name. He had one daughter and three sons; the youngest son was Bishop *Enoch Mather*<sup>7</sup> Marvin; who was born June 12, 1823, near Wright City, Mo. Their place was called "The Five Cedars," in memory of the son's having planted those trees when a child. Though busily occupied with the labor of the farm, on which he passed his boyhood, Enoch Mather Marvin was also able to work with equal zeal as a student, improving his opportunities to the utmost. His mother was a Baptist; but the son became interested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, united with it, and soon determined to prepare for its ministry. Having been ordained in 1841, he joined the Missouri Conference in 1842, and from that time onward he traveled circuits, filling important stations, and became a Presiding Elder. In 1866, at the General Conference of "The Methodist Church South," held in New Orleans, he was proposed for the office of Bishop. He was a Western rather than a Southern man, and comparatively unknown in the Southeast. One member in speaking of him said: "His reputation is sterling: the more he is discussed the better; his character is like gold—the more it is rubbed the brighter it shines." He was elected on the first ballot; but, as he was not present and his address at that time was unknown to his friends in the Conference, telegrams were sent in various directions, which failed to reach him. He was in Texas, on his way to New Orleans, that he might see his Missouri friends, little thinking of the greeting that was awaiting him on his arrival.



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A gentleman, who was a fellow-passenger with him on the steamboat, relates the following anecdotes of the Bishop :

“While Mr. Marvin was sitting in the bow of the boat in meditation, he suddenly exclaimed, ‘The devil suggested to me, as I was thinking, that I was going down to New Orleans to be ordained a Bishop.’ Startled at the thought, which he attributed to the Evil One, working upon his pride or ambition, he went immediately to his state-room and humbly kneeled before his Maker, bewailing the thought. On reaching New Orleans, and before he arrived at the place of meeting, he was met by the Rev. Dr. Deems (now, or lately, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, New York), who saluted him and said, ‘Why, Bishop, where are you from?’ He looked surprised and displeased; ‘Did you get the telegrams?’ he was asked. ‘Tell me what you mean by all this stuff?’ said the Bishop; Dr. Deems then told him that he had been elected Bishop the day before. Deeply agitated and overcome by the responsibility, he went to his room and stretched himself upon his bed. . . . Some time after his ordination, having a full beard, he was told that he must ‘cut off that beard.’ ‘Well, brethren,’ said he, ‘you will have to stand it; you elected me with my beard, you will have to endure me in my beard.’”

In 1874 the General Conference decided to send one Bishop to China, to look after the missionary work there. Bishop Marvin was selected, and on November 1, 1876, he sailed from San Francisco. His letters, describing his journey, which were entitled, “East by way of the West,” were subsequently published, and were of great interest, as were all his writings. While residing in St. Louis he published a volume of sermons, directed against the Roman Catholic doctrine of Transubstantiation and other errors of that Church, which showed careful Biblical and historical study. My informant adds :

“He was a remarkable man, whether in the pulpit, in the Conference as a presiding officer, or in the social circle. One was drawn towards him almost irresistibly. A true and humble Christian, a faithful worker in whatever position he was called to occupy, while seemingly in the midst of his usefulness God called him to higher service. He was absent on his tour to China nearly a year; soon after his return, on the 26th November, 1877, he passed safely over the river. The Church mourned his departure sorely, but he left a glorious Christian example for all to follow.”

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For most of the foregoing sketch of Bishop Marvin I am indebted to our kinsman, the late William M. (443) Parker, who saw the Bishop at a Conference over which he presided in North Carolina, and was charmed with the man, while knowing nothing at the time of his relationship. He closes his letter with the remark, "Perhaps no Bishop of our Church has ever died for whose departure there has been such general and wide-spread grief." Of the brothers of Bishop Marvin and of his own family I regret that I have no particulars, beyond the fact that his widow resides in St. Louis, and that, as I learn from Dr. Deems, a daughter is a missionary in Brazil.

339 General Elihu (185) fifth son of Capt. Elisha Marvin was born in Lyme; he was educated at Yale, whence he was graduated in 1773. He studied medicine in Norwich, Conn., with Dr. Theophilus<sup>6</sup> Rogers Jr. (a descendant of the first Matthew Marvin), whose daughter he subsequently married. In June, 1777, he left Norwich to join Col. Durkee's Regiment of the Connecticut Line, of which he was Adjutant. He was several times in skirmishes and engagements with the British, and gained the reputation of a brave, energetic and skillful, as well as judicious, officer. On one occasion, being suddenly called into action, he thrust his orderly book into his bosom; which, as it proved after the troops returned to their quarters, probably saved his life; for it was found to have been pierced with a bullet, which had lodged in the book, but made no wound. He passed the terrible winter at Valley Forge with his regiment. Considering himself in some way superseded or neglected, he resigned before the close of the war, and with honor untarnished returned to his home and commenced the practice of his profession in Norwich, at the "Landing."

After the establishment of peace he took a prominent part in reorganizing the militia of the State, was selected as the commander of the Company in that part of the town called Chelsea Landing, where he resided, was successively elected Major and Colonel, and in 1793 was

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appointed Brigadier-General, occupying the latter position at the time of his death. "His fine talents were supported by genial social qualities." Attractive in person, and engaging in manner, he was universally beloved and esteemed, and his memory was cherished long after he had passed away. In July, 1782, he was one of the "signers" against the illicit trade conducted by the Royalist party.

In 1787, with others, he attempted to secure the erection of a hospital under supervision of the Selectmen; but his plans were rejected by the town. Subsequently he succeeded; and the late Mr. Charles Miner, in a letter printed in the "Norwich Jubilee,"<sup>113</sup> mentions that, when the small pox broke out in Norwich, in 1798, two establishments for inoculation were started on the Thames, in "Mohegan." Dr. Tracy presided over one at Massapeag, and Dr. Marvin and Dr. Jewett over the other, at "Adgate's." These were prominent points of interest in their day, for the practice was then utterly opposed by popular prejudice; and Dr. Tracy, who had studied under Dr. Rogers Sr., was twice presented by the Grand Jury for "communicating the small pox by inoculation." When the yellow fever spread to the North, in 1798, Dr. Elihu Marvin went to New York to study the disease, and qualify himself for its treatment; after giving considerable attention to the methods then employed by the best skill of the time, he returned. When the fever appeared in Norwich, there was great consternation, and many of the inhabitants fled; he remained at his post of duty, and was devoted in his attentions to those attacked, but soon took the disease from a patient whom he attended, and fell its first victim. The late Dr. Ashbel Woodward, President of the Connecticut Medical Society, who remembered him, said of him:

"Like many noble brethren in the calling around which dangers thicken frightfully when 'pestilence walketh in darkness, and destruction wasteth at noonday,' he offered his own life in the devoted endeavor to ward off the blow of the destroyer from others."

<sup>113</sup> p. 274.

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Dr. Dwight Ripley, an intimate and valued friend, was with him much in his brief sickness of four days, and with his father-in-law, Dr. Rogers, was the only man who had the courage to assist in preparing his body for burial; they were aided by "Nancy," a faithful colored woman, who had once been a slave in the Rogers family, and whose name I greatly regret that I cannot recall, though it was known to my father. He died September 13, 1798, and was interred in the burial-ground at Chelsea Landing; the exact spot is not known, for the whole town seemed to be filled with terror, and but few—three or four only—of whom Dr. Ripley and Capt. Benj. Coit were two, dared to follow his remains to the grave. His wife, worn down with watching, was carried to her father's house immediately after his decease.

The death of General Marvin, who was more frequently addressed by his military than by his professional title, produced a profound impression upon the community. The "Norwich Courier," of the 20<sup>th</sup> September following, said :

"Died, last Friday morning, in the 45th year of his age, of the fever, Gen. Elihu Marvin, whose enlightened understanding, whose philanthropic heart, whose pure principles, whose regular deportment and domestic virtues, distinguished his character. While society regrets his loss as a citizen, all his acquaintances lament a friend. Though misfortune had shaded his life, it had not stained his integrity. He had improved by its painful instruction, and fell in a moment when prosperity was dawning upon him. His amiable wife is inconsolable, and his six children, though they will pine after the arm on which they hung, are not of an age to appreciate their loss.

"What's noble, let's do it,  
And make death proud to take us."

Gen. Elihu Marvin married, December 25, 1780, Elizabeth (17) daughter of Dr. Theophilus (339) Rogers Jr.<sup>114</sup> by Penelope Jarvis of

<sup>114</sup> It is worth mentioning that Elihu's father-in-law, Dr. Theophilus Rogers Jr., in 1763, was one of the signers to a petition to the Colonial Legislature, for the charter of a Medical Society, the first of a series of efforts from which the various State Associations have sprung. See for notices of the Drs. Rogers,

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Roxbury, Mass., born August 24, 1757. She was a descendant of Matthew Marvin, the first of the name in New England, and brother of Reginold. She died December 30, 1808. Their children, all born in Norwich, Conn., were :

- 340 1. *Sarah Rogers*,<sup>6</sup> born October 4, 1781; who married, June 24,  
1806, Dr. George Washington Trott, and died in Wilkesbarre, Pa.,  
September 13, 1807. Her husband married again, and had issue. Sarah  
341 had one son, *Elihu Marvin*<sup>7</sup> Trott, who removed to Taylor, Shelby Co.,  
Mo.; he had nine children, five of whom died the first year after he went  
to Taylor.
- 342 2. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born June 1, 1783; who died, unmarried, August  
24, 1802.
- 343 3. *Penelope Jarvis*,<sup>6</sup> born June 9, 1785; who married, July 6, 1826,  
John Smith Pearson, as his second wife. He had been a Master-mariner,  
and resided in Newburyport, Mass.; where she died, *s. p.*, July 16, 1833
- 344 4. *Susannah*,<sup>6</sup> born October 1, 1788; who died in Newburyport,  
unmarried, February 26, 1827.

Sr. and Jr., the "Norwich Jubilee," p. 282 and p. 286; and p. 276 for a pleasant reminiscence of Gen. Marvin on parade at the head of his command. I have already traced the descent of Mrs. Elihu Marvin from Matthew, by which the lines of Reginold and Matthew Marvin were united in my father. Further particulars of the Rogers Family may be found in Hyde Gen., pp. 35, 128 and 567. Gen. Marvin is by Walworth erroneously called a merchant.

Dr. Rogers, the father of Mrs. Gen. Marvin, was quite prominent in the Revolution, and was one of the Committee of Safety of Norwich. He was distinguished "for great courtesy and elegance of manner." From his Jarvis wife has descended to the writer an old-fashioned, heavy silver pepper-box, about seven inches high, once belonging to her father and mother, as is supposed from the inscription, I over I A on the side and repeated on the edge of the cover (I and J were formerly equivalent, as hardly needs mention), and certainly over one hundred and fifty years old, as Penelope was born in 1735, or earlier. My father was unable to discover her parents' names; but tradition assigns these articles to John (or James) and Abigail Jarvis. Another relic of the Rogers family is a quaint little silver cup, or salt-cellar, without inscription, its sides diagonally fluted, whose original owner is now unknown; a punch-bowl, a few pieces of decorated china, six broad-seated, straight-back mahogany chairs, and a large oval mirror in heavy gilt frame, have come down to the writer through several generations of Marvin ancestors. Much of the furniture in Gen. Marvin's home, with valuable papers and pamphlets relating to the Revolution, are said to have been burned, from fear of contagion, in the panic which followed his sudden death from yellow fever.

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345           5. *Catharine Mather*,<sup>6</sup> born January 27, 1793; who married, May 4,  
1820, Rev. Luther Fraseur Dimmick, born in Shaftesbury, Vt., November  
15, 1790; she died December 8, 1844, in Newburyport, where she was  
346           buried. She had one son *George Marvin*,<sup>7</sup> born March 27, who died  
March 31, 1826. Mrs. Dimmick was a woman of most winning manners,  
united with strong intellectual power and eminent worth. An interesting  
memoir of her life was published, not long after her decease. Her  
husband, Rev. Dr. Dimmick, was a graduate of Hamilton College in 1816,  
and of Andover Seminary. He was licensed to preach in Newburyport  
July 13, 1819, and the same evening delivered his first sermon outside the  
Seminary—the “Tuesday Lecture”—in the old building of the North  
Congregational Church in Newburyport, over which he was soon after  
settled as pastor; here he remained more than forty years, until his death,  
May 16, 1860. On the last occasion on which he entered his pulpit it  
was his intention to preach from the text “Make them joyful in My  
house of prayer” (Isaiah lvi: 7.). He however named the *forty*-sixth  
instead of the *fifty*-sixth chapter and seventh verse, reference to which  
will show a mistake that seems almost prophetic; before reading it he  
faltered, stopped, and, stricken with paralysis, was taken home, where  
on the following Wednesday he died. He was prominently connected  
with educational interests; was a Trustee of Phillips (Andover) Academy,  
and of other similar institutions, and was for fifteen years on the School  
Committee of Newburyport. He married, secondly, Miss Mary E. Ellison,  
then Principal of Bradford Academy, by whom he had issue, and who  
survived him.

The sixth child and only son of Gen. Elihu Marvin was:

347           6. *Thophilus Rogers*,<sup>6</sup> born February 23, 1796 (see below).

Joseph (186) sixth son of Capt. Elisha Marvin married, October 16,  
1783, Phoebe daughter of Capt. William and Jemima (Sill) Sterling of  
North Lyme, who was born October 15, 1763. He died at his home in  
Lyme November 18, 1839, aged nearly eighty-five. His wife, who was a

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descendant of the old fighter of the Indians who married the widow of Lieut. Reinold Marvin (see above), died November 6, 1822. Their children were :

- 348        1. *Fanny*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme October 7, 1784 ; who married, March 28, 1808, Ezra son of Ezra and Temperance Pratt, born July 22, 1784. He was a merchant in New York City ; but they subsequently removed to Orwell, Ashtabula Co., O. ; where her husband died in September 1854, aged seventy ; she died about 1870, having had eight children. One of her  
349        sons, *Charles Augustus Brewster*<sup>7</sup> Pratt, still resides in Orwell. He  
350-51       married, as his first wife, Mary Elizabeth<sup>8</sup> daughter of Selden Marvin<sup>7</sup> Ely, son of Phoebe (299), and grandson of Deacon Elisha, Marvin.
- 352        2. *Phoebe*,<sup>6</sup> born June 7, 1786 ; who married : first, in North Lyme October 16, 1815, Rev. Leverett Israel Foote son of Rev. David Huntington ; and had two children. Her husband was a graduate of Yale in 1811, and a Presbyterian clergyman ; he settled at New Brunswick, N. J., where he died May 11, 1820, aged thirty-four. She married, secondly, in October 1839, Rev. Urban Palmer, by whom she had no children ; he died November 3, 1847 ; she survived him, but the date of her death I have not learned.
- 353        3. Deacon *William*,<sup>6</sup> born May 12, 1788 (see below).
- 354        4. *Jemima*,<sup>6</sup> born March 28, 1791 ; who married Dr. Abraham Blatchley. They went, in 1822, as Missionaries of the American Board to the Hawaiian Islands, but returned on account of ill health in 1828. They had one daughter.
- 355        5. *Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> born February 8, 1793 ; who married, February 19, 1819, Elizabeth daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hopkins of Hartford. He resided in Champion and later in Watertown, N. Y., where he died in February 1830. His widow married, secondly, Peter Goodsell of DeWitt, N. Y., as his second wife (it is said after seeing him but once), and had a son Edward W., who was in college at Oberlin when the war for the Union began ; he enlisted in the Company of the Seventh Ohio Volunteers formed by students, and fell in the battle of Antietam. She died March 3,

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1858, in Toulon, Ill., at the home of her daughter Mrs. Dunn. Joseph  
356 and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Marvin had four children : (1.) *Leverett*,<sup>7</sup> born in  
February, 1821 ; who resided in Wethersfield, Conn., and subsequently in  
Beaver Dam, Wisc.; where he died February 3, 1882, leaving issue;  
357 (2.) *Elizabeth*,<sup>7</sup> born in February 1823; she was a teacher, and died  
358 in Grinnell, Ia., unmarried, in 1882; (3.) *William Hopkins*,<sup>7</sup> born  
359 January 28, 1825; who died in July 1847; (4.) *Sarah Adams*,<sup>7</sup> born  
March 3, 1828; who married, in 1850, Rev. Richard C. Dunn, who in  
1855 was settled at Toulon, Ill. He died in 1868; nine years after the death  
of her husband she removed to Grinnell, Ia., where she now resides,  
having five children.

Regarding Elizabeth (357) Marvin a pleasant incident, showing what  
we may call the romance of genealogy, has come to my knowledge, which  
will be best told in the words of one of the leading persons concerned.<sup>115</sup>  
It may be interesting to add to his account that my father's little book,  
published so long ago, was all the basis he had on which to begin his search.

"Port Jervis, N. Y., March 28, 1889."

"But for the incident herein related, the feelings of the writer regarding family-  
history, which, like those of the great majority, partook somewhat of indifference,  
would probably have undergone no change.

"Some two years since a lady, writing from Hartford, said that, while stopping  
at Block Island the previous summer, she met a gentleman who ventured the sugges-  
tion that the writer perhaps could be of service to her in the effort to discover the  
rightful owner of a sum of money awaiting a legal claimant, and to restore it. Pro-  
ceeding, she said that early in the Twenties Dr. Hopkins had residing in his family at  
Hartford a little slip of a girl, niece or cousin, named Elizabeth Marvin, in whom  
he felt enough interest to make provision by the deposit of \$100 in the Hartford

<sup>115</sup> Mr. Francis Marvin, the writer of the following account, is a resident of Port Jervis, N. Y., and  
the son of Francis Ingraham Marvin, mentioned below. The readiness with which he undertook what  
seemed almost a hopeless search, and the zeal and persistency with which he prosecuted it in spite of  
all discouragements, are hardly less gratifying than the final success which rewarded his efforts. He has  
kindly permitted me to read the many letters written during his investigations, which are most  
interesting.



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Savings Institution. Not many months thereafter the Doctor, while on a visit to the city of New York, in a drug store where he was wont to buy his stock of medicine, fell dying to the floor; his family became dispersed, Elizabeth disappeared from view, the bank-book was lost, and new conditions after a while left all forgotten. The long-lying deposit at the Bank having lately become a subject of remark, the other facts connected therewith were recalled, and induced the lady to make the effort to carry out the benevolent intentions of the Doctor, and at the same time perhaps render a very important benefit to a worthy person. She asked the aid of the writer.

"A sincere desire to be of service to Mrs. C. induced me at once to undertake to discover the fate of the subject of the story. Letters written to those of our name and others in and about Lyme failed to afford a clue from whence to begin the tracing; others to Vermont and New York proved equally fruitless. At length Rev. Abijah P. Marvin of Lancaster, Mass., recalled having seen at the old homestead, then occupied by his grandsire, he himself being now nearly an octogenarian, a pale, slender bit of a lass called Elizabeth whom he conjectured to be a daughter of Joseph, or, more familiarly, 'Uncle Joe.' Reference being had to the 'Genealogy,' it showed the union by marriage of Joseph Marvin to Elizabeth Hopkins, and the birth of Sarah Adams, and Elizabeth, with other children, which seemed conclusive evidence that we were on the right track; but all else was forgotten; where that family went, or what became of them, seemed beyond the ken of all. Scores of letters to those bearing our name, written to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, in fact into nearly all the northern and western States, brought no tidings, until at Los Angeles, California, was found the widow of Elizabeth's brother, who referred to Mrs. Sarah Adams Dunn of Grinnell, Iowa. From her it was soon learned that our Elizabeth was a sister, who for much of her life had shared her home.

"After the disruption of Doctor Hopkins's family Elizabeth had been taken to her grandfather's care at the homestead; later her widowed mother married the second time, and gained another home for her children. Then Sarah married a young Presbyterian clergyman, and took her sister with them into Illinois. For nearly a quarter of a century Mrs. Dunn has been a widow, and, excepting at intervals when Elizabeth pursued her occupation as teacher, they have remained inseparable; the former devoting her time to the conduct of the farm, the latter to the duties of the household, and instruction of the children, of whom there were five—one dead on the bloody field of Antietam.

"In this way had their lives sped on until four years before, when Elizabeth died, not before however making her sister Sarah her heir by will and the owner of a

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small estate, the accumulated earnings of her industry. Mrs. Dunn, evidently a lady of vigorous mind and good breeding, says they had so long been separated from eastern relatives that no tie appeared left to bind them, and although never in want she never was free from the fear of it, and, when told of the little fortune awaiting her, said my letter came to her like a voice from the dead. No difficulty was met in fully proving her identity, and legal right to claim the money in Bank, nor was any obstacle interposed by the officers, who promptly transferred the money to her, which, with the added interest, amounted to more than \$2,600.

"In reading the replies to the scores of letters written to those of our name in all parts of the land, during the two years occupied in the search, it has become impressed upon me that there are a great many Marvins in this good country of ours; that they have dispersed themselves far and wide; and in the dispersion have taken with them much that is good into the many communities lying over the whole breadth of the continent. I am proud of my lineage, and of the people who bear the name, and the feeling of indifference has been changed to that of great interest in all that concerns us."

"F. M."

The sixth and youngest child of Joseph and Phoebe Marvin was :

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6. *Clarissa*,<sup>6</sup> born May 5, 1795; who married : first, in May 1832, Horace son of Adriel and Sarah (Stowe) Ely, who was born August 22, 1781, in Lyme. She was his second wife. She survived her husband, and married, secondly, Israel Foote. She probably had no children.

Captain Matthew (234) second son of Capt. Matthew Marvin "took to wife, May 30, 1771, Elizabeth second daughter of David and Mehitable (Champion) Deming, who was born October 1, 1746." They lived in that part of Lyme called "Whippoorwill." He died August 29, 1806, and was interred in the "burying ground in Lyme Town." His wife died in Lyme June 22, 1839, at the advanced age of ninety-two and upwards. Their children were :

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1. Capt. *Joseph*,<sup>6</sup> born March 26, 1772 (see below).

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2. *Mehitable*,<sup>6</sup> born October 26, 1773; who married Lynde (167) son of Hepzibah Marvin by Capt. Enoch Lord; and died August 16, 1857.

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363 He died May 19, 1856 (see **Lord**). They had two children, a daughter and a son; the latter, *Frederick William*,<sup>7</sup> a graduate of Yale, was an eminent physician, Member of Congress, etc. (see **Lord**).

This is the "Hitty Marvin" of whom a very interesting tradition has come down, one version of which has been incorporated into a school-reading-book. It is said that, when she was a child, during the Revolutionary War, her cousin, Gov. Matthew Griswold, closely pursued by a party of British and Tories, asked her to tell them, when they came up to her father's house, whither they were following him, that he had gone in one direction, while in fact he was proposing to go in another. She refused to tell a falsehood for him, skillfully concealed him under a pile of linen which she was bleaching, and, strictly adhering to the truth when questioned by the leader of the party, succeeded in protecting him without discovery, until his enemies, misconstruing her answers, went off to seek him in the direction they supposed he must have gone. His gratitude at his escape, so the story runs, led him to name an infant daughter, whose birth just preceded his arrival home, for his youthful cousin.

It is difficult to know how to treat this tradition. At the time when the British lay in Long Island Sound, off the coast of Connecticut, in 1780-81, "Hitty" Marvin was a child of seven to eight years of age—hardly old enough to have been the heroine of such a story. No cousinship can now be traced between Gov. Matthew Griswold and herself; and all the lines of ancestry of both have been so thoroughly examined that none seems possible. The British never landed in Lyme during the Revolutionary War; though in the War of 1812 they came on shore at Blackhall, and asked the Griswold family for provisions, which were supplied. There may have been Tories who were treacherous enough to endeavor to seize Gov. Griswold by night, and carry him off to the enemy, in the hope of reward. But the Tories were obliged to be secret in their opinions and movements; and that any of them would have been so bold as to pursue him by day, when the process of bleaching the linen must have been going on, is utterly improbable. Nor is it to be believed that

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Gov. Griswold, one of the most straightforward and conscientious of men, would have asked a child, as the story runs, to tell a lie for him. Again, it is not true that he ever named a child *Mehitable Marvin*. Yet, while every detail of this romantic story, often printed as it has been, seems to be erroneous, there must be some foundation of fact upon which it was based. Careful inquiry of Mrs. Matthew Griswold, the intelligent widow of one of Gov. Matthew Griswold's grandsons, of Judge McCurdy, son of one of his granddaughters, and of other persons well informed as to Lyme traditions, gives us only the main fact that, for a time during the Revolutionary War, owing to the danger of his being seized at night in his own house near the sea-shore, by either the British or the Tories, Gov. Griswold had the habit of sleeping secretly in the houses of his friends in other parts of the town. Mr. Joseph S. Huntington of Lyme has often heard his grandmother Mrs. Ann Lord Johnson, widow of Capt. Stephen Johnson (see *Lord* and *Johnson*), say that Gov. Griswold frequently slept in her house at that time. Tradition also says that he staid among the *Marvins* in *Whippoorwill*; and there may have been some special case in which he was protected by some of the family, perhaps the mother of "*Hitty*."

364        3. *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> born November 16, 1775; who married, November 11, 1807, as his second wife, Deacon William Coult (or Colt) of Lyme, who was the eldest son of John and Abigail (Matson) Colt (or Coult), born July 10, 1776; she survived her husband many years, and died January 25, 1867. She was an excellent woman, with a clear, practical mind and great good sense. They had one daughter, *Nancy*,<sup>7</sup> who died unmarried about 1846.

366        4. *David*,<sup>6</sup> born November 2, 1777.

367        5. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> born November 12, 1779; who died, unmarried, September 19, 1825.

368        6. *Abigail*,<sup>6</sup> born December 31, 1782; who married, April 25, 1808, John L. Higby of East Haddam, Conn.; and died November 19, 1810. She was buried at Lyme. They had two children, both of whom died young.

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- 369        7. *Rosalind*,<sup>6</sup> born January 26, 1785; who married, October 1, 1810,  
Dr. Noah Stone of East Guilford, Conn.; who died in Oxford, Conn.,  
March 4, 1851. She died in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 9, 1859. Their  
370 children were: (1.) *Mary Elizabeth*,<sup>7</sup> born July 9, 1811; who died in  
371 November 1814; (2.) *Eunice Noyes*,<sup>7</sup> born November 12, 1812; who  
married, January 14, 1833, Lucius B. son of John and Sarah J. Horton,  
372 and had three children, as follows: *Mary E.*,<sup>8</sup> born May 17, 1835; who  
was for a time an instructor in Greek in Wellesley College, and now  
373 resides with her mother in Wellesley, Mass.; *Matilda Fisher*,<sup>8</sup> born  
October 26, 1839; who died in Chelsea, Mass., in 1847, aged seven,  
having at that early age developed a lovely character; she was the subject  
of an interesting memoir printed by the Massachusetts Sabbath School  
374 Society; and a son, *John Marvin*,<sup>8</sup> born December 7, 1842; who married,  
in 1867, a daughter of Judge Benedict (formerly of Cleveland, O.), and  
"a granddaughter or grandniece of Henry Marvin;" she died in 1883,  
375-76 having had *David Stone*,<sup>9</sup> who died in 1871, and a daughter *Marion*,<sup>9</sup>  
born in 1870, who resides in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Horton, husband  
of Eunice Noyes Marvin, died March 10, 1886, in the Bahama Islands,  
377 whither he had gone in pursuit of health; (3.) *Martha*<sup>7</sup> (daughter  
of Rosalind), born May 15, 1814; who married, October 30, 1832,  
Rev. Stephen Hubbell of Avon, Conn.; and died August 9, 1856; she had  
378 a daughter who died before her mother, and a son, Rev. *William Stone*<sup>8</sup>  
Hubbell, D.D., graduated at Yale and Andover, who is now settled in  
379 Buffalo, N. Y.; (4.) *Andrew Leete*,<sup>7</sup> born November 25, 1815; graduated  
at Yale in 1837; who married, July 14, 1842, Matilda Bertody Fisher;  
he was a Congregational Minister, active in all good works, and a most  
attractive preacher; he was for seventeen years Pastor of Park Street  
Church, Boston, and afterwards of a church in San Francisco, where he  
380 now resides with his children; (5.) *David Marvin*,<sup>7</sup> born December 23,  
1817; who married, September 7, 1841, Delia Charlotte Hall, who died  
October 19, 1887. They had no children. He is the well known Editor-  
in-chief of the "New York Journal of Commerce."

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A vivacious and interesting article, from the pen of Mrs. Rosalind Stone, was published in the "Congregationalist" in June 1858, only a few months before her death, describing a remarkable experience of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Marvin, who was struck by lightning in the summer of 1798, but recovered, though for a long time helpless. A string of gold beads, which she was wearing, was broken by the flash; some of them melted and vaporized, leaving their impression on her neck, while others, with the smoking thread on which they were strung, were picked up near the spot where she fell. No one else of a large family in the house was injured. All the daughters had unusual literary ability, and "Hitty" a marked poetic vein.

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8. *Laurana*,<sup>6</sup> born April 18, 1787; who died October 14, 1790.

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9. Doctor *Jonathan Deming*,<sup>6</sup> born September 11, 1789 (see below).

Captain Ezra (235) third son of Capt. Matthew Marvin married Susannah daughter of Jasper<sup>116</sup> and Sarah (Clark) Peck of Lyme, who was born August 11, 1744; he resided for a time in Fairfield, Conn., but removed, in 1773, to Granville, Mass., where he died. He was married probably about 1766, before going to Granville. He is called "Captain." The late Rev. Dr. Cooley says he "was a man of great shrewdness and efficiency; he was often the Moderator of Town-meetings and Select-man." Another wrote of him as follows:

"Capt. Ezra Marvin was a brave and enterprising man, public-spirited, a good citizen, a kind and obliging neighbor, and a great friend and supporter of educational interests; by patient, slow-accumulating industry he amassed a competent fortune, became an early proprietor of lands in the 'Holland and Phelps and Gorham Purchase,' and fully identified himself with the settlement and growth of Western New York; his sons were all men of energetic and business-like character, whose descendants to the present day, by their activity, zeal, energy and business-capabilities, do honor to the noble stock from which they are descended."

<sup>116</sup> Jasper Peck was a great grandson of Dea. Wm. Peck of Lyme, born in England in 1601; many of this family settled with the Marvins in West Bloomfield, N. Y.

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Dr. S. B. Barlow, who furnished my father with the foregoing notice, says that Ezra died of dropsy December 26, 1811; and that his wife died September 29, 1829, at the age of eighty-five.<sup>111</sup> Of their children were:

383 1. *Mary*,<sup>6</sup> born in Lyme, February 25, 1767; who married, June 28, 1787, Israel Parsons of Granville, Mass. He was in the commissariat of the army during the Revolution, holding the rank of Captain, and was much at Newburgh and New Windsor, while Gen. Washington's headquarters were at the former place; he died September 20, 1846; she died August 31, 1847, "universally respected;" they had ten children.

384 2. *Matthæa*,<sup>6</sup> born about 1769; who died in 1774, aged five.

385 3. *Jasper*,<sup>6</sup> born 1770; who married, January 31, 1793, Comfort daughter of Jesse Munson of Granville. He was in Genesee, N. Y., in 1791, but later in West Bloomfield and Buffalo; perhaps he returned to live in Granville, for he died there September 27, 1797. He held the rank of Major. His widow died in West Bloomfield, N. Y. They had three children; the youngest, *Comfort*,<sup>7</sup> born in December 1797, married, 386 January 1, 1818, Russell<sup>7</sup> Goodrich, who was born September 4, 1796, a 387 descendant of Sarah (41) Marvin and Ensign William Goodrich; and had seven children; they resided in New Buffalo, Mich.; he died October 17, 1850.<sup>118</sup>

388 4. *Matthew*<sup>6</sup> (second of the name), born in 1772; who married, in 389 1798, Mary daughter of Col. David Morgan; and had one son, *Jasper*,<sup>7</sup> 389½ who married his cousin Persis<sup>7</sup> Parsons, and resided at Lima, N. Y. This Matthew Marvin was one of the pioneers of Genesee county; he was the first of the family to go thither, and was followed by his younger brothers, 390 *Nathan*,<sup>6</sup> Sylvanus (391) and Henry (392). He was one of the party employed to survey the "Phelps and Gorham Purchase."<sup>119</sup> His father built for him in Bloomfield the first frame-house west of Utica; which

<sup>111</sup> The Peck Family erroneously says she died in 1810.

<sup>118</sup> See The Goodrich Family, p. 164.

<sup>119</sup> See Turner's History of Phelps and Gorham Purchase (published by William Alling, Rochester, N. Y.), pp. 198, 345, 434. In this his elder brother Jasper is called Jasper P., perhaps for Peck.

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was not long ago, and perhaps still is, standing, as the rear portion of a hotel in Bloomfield, formerly kept by his brother Henry. He carried the mail from Canandaigua to Niagara, when there was no road but an Indian trail from the Genesee river to the Falls. He held the position of Brigade Inspector with the rank of Major, serving under Gen. William Wadsworth and Peter Allen. He died in August 1823, in Lima, N. Y.

391        5. *Sylvanus*,<sup>6</sup> who probably died in 1795 or 1796, unmarried.

392        6. *Henry A.*,<sup>6</sup> born October 15, 1782. He resided in Bloomfield, N. Y., where he was proprietor of a large hotel, and of the line of stages from Canandaigua to Buffalo. Previous to and during the War of 1812 he was one of the most active and energetic business-men in what was then known as "the West." He became wealthy, but entering into disastrous speculations he lost his property, and died in 1837. He was three times married (one account says four times), and had six children.<sup>120</sup>

393        7. Capt. *William Noyes*<sup>6</sup> (youngest son of Capt. Ezra Marvin), born April 10, 1784; who married: first, about 1806, Vashti daughter of Nathaniel Clark of Hartford, Conn., who was born June 3, 1788. She died April 18, 1828; and he married, secondly, Jemima daughter of Peter Rose of Granville, Mass., where he died November 26, 1845; his widow was living in 1855. The "Hartford Courant," in December 1845, had a very full tribute to his memory, from which I quote the following:

"He was an officer in the war with Great Britain of 1812, and sustained its emergencies with gallantry and credit. He was popular among his townsmen, and repeatedly called by their suffrages to fill various offices in town affairs, the duties of which he discharged with efficiency and to the acceptance of his fellow-citizens. . . . His friendship was sincere, and genial, and in the various avocations of life he manifested an unyielding integrity. . . . Inheriting an ample estate, he was liberal in dispensing it for the relief of others less favored."

394        He had twelve children, all but one of whom were by his first wife. The eldest daughter, *Mary E.*,<sup>7</sup> married, in 1831, Ammi Filley, and

<sup>120</sup> See Benedict Genealogy, p. 165, under No. 182, which gives the descendants of his eldest daughter.



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395 removed to Jackson, Mich., where she died April 28, 1844, leaving six children. The eldest was *William*,<sup>8</sup> born July 2, 1832, who was stolen by Indians August 3, 1837; and detained by them six years. The party were in Albany in 1843, when it was discovered that a white boy was with them; as they refused to give any account of him, he was taken by the authorities, and placed in an orphan-asylum. In December 1844 the late Rev. Dr. Cooley of Granville, learning this fact and being familiar with the story of his loss, informed his grandfather, and the lad was restored to his father.<sup>121</sup>

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Giles (243) eldest son of John Marvin removed with his father to Gilsum, N. H.;<sup>122</sup> but settled in Alstead, N. H., in 1774, or earlier. He married Lucy daughter of William and Isabella (Larrabee) Barron; they 396 had eight children; *William*,<sup>7</sup> the second son, I mention below. The three younger children removed, it is said, to Pennsylvania. Among these was a 397 son named *John*,<sup>7</sup> perhaps the John Marvin who married Ruhama daughter of Mather and Azubah (Watrous) Peck. She died in Bethany, N. Y., October 15, 1826.

John (248) second surviving son of John Marvin married, February 1, 1788,<sup>123</sup> Caroline (137) daughter of Rev. Samuel and Miriam (Marvin) Beckwith of Lyme. They removed to Alstead, N. H., where he resided till his death, November 15, 1807. Their children were ten in number, 398 one of whom was *Richard*,<sup>7</sup> born in Surry September 7, 1796.

<sup>121</sup> A full account of the incident is given in The N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, xvi. p. 247.

<sup>122</sup> In Note 98 I suggested that for Gilford we should read Gilsum; since that page was printed this conjecture has been confirmed. John (156) was "Moderator of the Proprietors" in Gilsum in 1768. He resided in the north-west corner of that part of Gilsum which subsequently became Surry, and died there December 24, 1792. Hepzibah his eldest daughter married Delavan Delance, and had issue, to the fifth generation, being the eleventh from Reginold, or one more generation than I have found in any other line. For this I must refer to the Pedigree.

<sup>123</sup> I give the date of this marriage as furnished me by Dr. Charles Alexis Marvin (see below), who received it from a member of the family. If he was correctly informed, she was nine years older than her husband, Caroline Beckwith having been born about 1754, and John Marvin in 1762.

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Deacon Uriah (259) eldest son of Benjamin Marvin married, January 19, 1794, Olive Ingraham, who was born September 6, 1774, and died April 7, 1849. He settled in Albany, N. Y., where he was engaged in business with his youngest brother Richard, and acquired a large property; he died November 24, 1848. His children were:

399 (1.) *Francis Ingraham*,<sup>7</sup> born in Albany, N. Y., October 11, 1795; who married, August 4, 1823, Mary Hill of Catskill, N. Y.; she died  
400 April 17, 1868. Of their children were: i. *Julia*,<sup>8</sup> born September 2,  
401 1824; who died September 4, 1827; ii. *Mary*,<sup>8</sup> born October 14, 1826;  
402 who died October 30, 1829; iii. *Francis*,<sup>8</sup> born March 8, 1828; who married, June 10, 1851, Amelia St. John of Port Jervis, N. Y., where he now resides. He has no children. It was to his inquiries, so industriously pursued, that the heirs of Elizabeth (357) Marvin were indebted for the discovery and acquisition of that long forgotten legacy already mentioned;  
403 iv. *Howard*,<sup>8</sup> born December 7, 1829; who married: first, Louise Hill, and had two daughters; and, secondly, April 17, 1871, Mary Ellen Graham. Francis Ingraham Marvin had also two daughters who died  
404 young, and a son, *Charles*,<sup>8</sup> born March 17, 1835; who resides in Port Jervis, N. Y., where he married, June 30, 1858, Amanda Bullock, and has had eight children.

405 (2.) *Henry*,<sup>7</sup> born November 24, 1797; who married, December 8, 1824, Harriet Day of Catskill, N. Y., and had six children; one of whom,  
406 *Henry*,<sup>8</sup> born September 6, 1829, now residing in Buffalo, N. Y., married, May 6, 1874, Elizabeth D. DeForest; and has one son by her, *Ray DeForest*.<sup>9</sup>  
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408 (3.) *George*,<sup>7</sup> born September 26, 1800; who is or was recently living in Albany, at an advanced age; he married, February 4, 1823, Maria Sickles of Albany, who died May 18, 1868, having had twelve children, several of whom are married and living in Albany.

409 (4.) *Louisa*,<sup>7</sup> born November 7, 1802; who was twice married: first to Gilbert Devoe, by whom she had two children.

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410 (5.) *Charles*,<sup>7</sup> born August 1, 1804; who married, October 1, 1826, Maria Watrous of Middletown, Conn., and has had nine children.

(6-9.) Three younger brothers and a sister of Charles died in youth or infancy.

411 (10.) Rev. *Uriah*,<sup>7</sup> the tenth child, was born in Albany January 9, 1816 (see below).

412 (11.) *Fraunces Ann*,<sup>7</sup> the youngest child, born March 8, 1818, married Rev. John M. Van Buren of Kinderhook, N. Y., and died April 2, 1842, without issue.

John (260) second son of Benjamin Marvin was born in Lyme, but removed to Ballston, N. Y., about 1796, and kept a store on "Court House Hill;" about 1800 he removed to Albany, and formed a partnership with his brother William.<sup>124</sup> He married: first, June 5, 1803, Amy Stevens, by whom he had two children. His wife died August 3, 1805; and he married, secondly, October 4, 1806, Lucia Mather third daughter of Capt Ezra<sup>125</sup> and Deborah (Mather) Lee (see *Lee*), who was born November 10, 1779. He died in Albany, May 8, 1853; their children, three in number, died young.

Alexander (270) fourth son of Benjamin Marvin was born in Lyme, but removed to Ballston, N. Y., about 1803, and afterwards to Albany; where, in connection with his brothers already mentioned, he was a prosperous merchant.<sup>126</sup> He married, April 23, 1823, Mary E. Pepoon, a member of the ancient and prominent family of that name, and died in

<sup>124</sup> See Random Recollections of Albany, p. 47.

<sup>125</sup> Capt. Ezra Lee was son of Abner Lee, and married, November 14, 1771, Deborah Mather daughter of Capt. Richard Mather and Deborah Ely, who was born October 3, 1752, and died June 30, 1826. Elizabeth, an elder sister of Lucia M. Lee, married Edward Hill of Lyme; and her daughter Lucia Marvin Hill married Lewis Benedict Gregory, son of Lois (268) Marvin and David E. Gregory. These sisters, Elizabeth and Lucia M. Lee, were descendants of William Ely, whose brother Richard married Mary (102) Marvin.

<sup>126</sup> See Random Recollections of Albany, p. 48.

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Albany September 1, 1864. Their children were four daughters; of whom  
413 the eldest, *Elizabeth Pepon*,<sup>7</sup> born in Albany February 10, 1824, married,  
December 15, 1847, John Pitkin Norton, who died September 5, 1852,  
414 leaving a son *John Treadwell*<sup>8</sup> Norton, born August 13, 1850. Prof. John  
Pitkin Norton was born in Albany July 19, 1822; he was the son of  
John Treadwell Norton, grandson of Senator Timothy Pitkin, and great  
grandson of Gov. Treadwell of Connecticut. His father's family returned  
to Farmington, Conn., in 1835, where they had formerly resided. A man  
of remarkable scientific attainments, he was appointed Professor of  
Agricultural Chemistry in Yale in 1847, in which position he remained till  
his death, at the early age of thirty, in Farmington; he was buried in  
New Haven. Shortly afterwards a memorial-volume was privately printed,  
containing his portrait, a tribute by the elder Prof. Silliman, a funeral  
sermon by Dr. Porter, a very full biographical sketch by Prof. William A.  
Larned of Yale, with many newspaper-notices which had been evoked by  
his death, and a poem by Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney.

A younger daughter of Alexander and Mary E. (Pepon) Marvin,  
415 *Phoebe Rowland*,<sup>7</sup> born December 15, 1830, and the only other who  
survived infancy, married, as his first wife, Judge William Learned of  
Albany; where she died. Her husband was a native of New London,  
Conn., and is now one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of New York.

Dan (289) second and eldest married son of Capt. Dan Marvin  
married: first, Huldah daughter of John and Hepzibah (Peck) Mather.  
She died February 28, 1814, aged forty-four; and he married, secondly,  
Mrs. Hepzibah Leach, who was a sister of his first wife; she died  
August 19, 1847, aged seventy-two; and he died September 4 of the same  
year. His children, who were born in Lyme, were: (1.) *Dan*,<sup>7</sup> born  
416 March 20, 1791 (see below); (2.) *John*,<sup>7</sup> (see below); (3.) *Selden P.*,<sup>7</sup>  
417-18 who married Miss Reed, and had four daughters; (4.) *Huldah*,<sup>7</sup>  
419 who married Joseph Gillett.

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Reinold (290) third son of Capt. Dan Marvin married Mabel Bushnell of Saybrook. He removed to Fairfield, N. Y.; where he died in 1812; his wife died in Newport, N. Y., in 1838, aged sixty-five. Their children, none of whom are now living, were six in number; the youngest son,  
420 *Dan*,<sup>7</sup> born December 17, 1808, was graduated at Union College in 1831; he was a lawyer in New York; and married, in 1835, Lucia Leonard daughter of Major Lester Holt of Cherry Valley, N. Y., born December 5, 1813; who died November 29, 1880. He died at St. Johnsland, L. I.,  
421 October 17, 1884. Their children were: i. *Henry Clay*,<sup>8</sup> born April 10, 1836; who was graduated at Columbia College in 1854, where he also took his Master's degree; studied law at the Albany Law School, and engaged in practice with his father in New York; and died in Chicago February 22, 1865; he married, in December 1858, Lydia H. daughter of Rev. William H. Lewis, D.D., and Emeline Barlow. His widow resides in Brooklyn  
422 with her son *Henry Reginald*,<sup>9</sup> born in that city May 31, 1860, who is an  
423 organist and music-teacher; *John Lewis*,<sup>9</sup> a younger brother of Henry R.,  
424 born December 1, 1862, died July 8, 1872; ii. *Lucia Leonard*,<sup>8</sup> who  
425 died in infancy; iii. Rev. *Dan*,<sup>8</sup> born March 31, 1843; who was graduated at Columbia in 1863; was Adjunct Professor of the Greek Language in Racine College from 1868 to 1871. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Horatio Potter, in New York, March 12, 1876; and Priest by the same Bishop, December 22, 1878. He is now Rector of Caroline Church,<sup>127</sup> Setauket, N. Y., and has also been Minister-in-charge of other parishes. He married, May 11, 1870, Louise Newlin daughter of Richard and Julia (Newlin) Hale of Aurora, N. Y., born July 22, 1845; by whom he has had three children.

Selden (292) fourth son of Capt. Dan Marvin married: first, Charlotte daughter of Benjamin and Sybil Pratt of Pautapaug (or Pettipaugh, now Essex), Conn. Mrs. Pratt was a daughter of Jabez Stow, a master-mariner, by Anna daughter of Samuel Lord of Saybrook. She died in

<sup>127</sup> This was the first Episcopal Church on Long Island, and was erected in 1730.

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1816; and he married, secondly, Mrs. Elizabeth (Patrick) Vandenburg. In the winter of 1808-09 he removed from Fairfield, N. Y., to Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., and cleared a farm in the forest where he had purchased a tract of land; he was long a Trustee of the public schools of that town; in the spring of 1832 he again removed to Chautauqua county, where he died in September of the same year.

Selden Marvin was a man who threw himself heartily into those matters in which he became interested; in politics he was a strong Federalist; in religion he was an active, earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Church; for twenty-five years he was rarely absent from the weekly prayer-meetings, "and many still living look back with grateful hearts to his zealous labors and his fervent prayers. He was a natural orator." "In a time of scarcity," writes another, "one of his neighbors tried to buy his wheat, of which he had secured a good crop. 'No,' was his answer, 'you cannot buy my wheat at any price! You can go elsewhere, where they have had a good harvest, and buy as much as you like; my poor neighbors cannot do this; my wheat is for them.' They had all he could spare, and at a price not in the least enhanced by the scarcity. His library consisted of his Bible, Adam Clarke's Commentaries, Wesley's Sermons, Fletcher's Checks, the Methodist Hymn-Book, and The Scottish Chiefs. From such reading, and the blood of a Puritan ancestry, his strong character was formed."

His children by his first wife were seven:

426 (1.) *Erastus Selden*,<sup>7</sup> born in September 1799, in Fairfield; who  
married, in 1831, Mary Hebbard; he died in August 1832, leaving one  
427 son, *Erastus Richard*,<sup>8</sup> born in May 1832.

428 (2.) *Sybil*,<sup>7</sup> born in September 1801; who married, September 14,  
1829, in Dryden, N. Y., Dr. Theodore Augustine Pinckney. He was a son  
of Dr. John Pinckney, who was fifth in descent<sup>128</sup> from Philip Pinckney of  
Pinckney Manor, Taterset, co. Norfolk, England, who came to this country

<sup>128</sup> As I am informed by Mrs. Huse.

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429 in 1635. She died in February 1887. They had three children; the  
eldest of whom was *Harriet*,<sup>8</sup> born October 8, 1830, in Key West, Fla.;  
who married, November 3, 1852, Lieut. Caleb Huse of Newburyport,  
Mass., an officer in the First Artillery, U. S. A., educated at West  
Point, where he was graduated seventh in his class; he was Assistant  
Instructor in the U. S. Military Academy for seven years, and a part of  
the time acting Professor in full charge of the Department of Chemistry,  
Mineralogy and Geology; he then became Professor of the same sciences  
in the University of Alabama. He was the first officer to resign from  
the U. S. Army at the outbreak of the Rebellion; accepting a commission  
as Senior Captain of Artillery in the Confederate service, he was sent  
abroad as Government Agent, and remained there during the war, return-  
430 ing in 1871. They had fourteen children; the eldest, *Reginald Marvin*,<sup>9</sup>  
431 Huse, born October 22, 1853; another son, *Harry Pinckney*<sup>9</sup> Huse,  
who is or was an Ensign in the U. S. Navy; five of the children were  
born in France.

432 (3.) *Richard Pratt*,<sup>7</sup> born December 23, 1803, in Fairfield, N. Y.  
(see below).

433 (4.) *William*,<sup>7</sup> born in April 1808 (see below).

There were three daughters beside Sybil.

434 By his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Patrick) Vandenburg, Selden  
Marvin had also seven children; one of whom, *Harrison*,<sup>7</sup> born Novem-  
ber 6, 1827, in Dryden, N. Y., was commissioned, October 8, 1862,  
Captain of Co. I, 143d Regt. N. Y. Vols.; married, May 29, 1854,  
Kate A. Murdock of Cazenovia, N. Y., born November 21, 1831; and  
has issue.

Dea. William (294) fifth son of Moses Marvin married, January 31,  
1827, Mary Sears daughter of Peter and Parnal (Corah) Pearson, who  
was born in Lyme June 22, 1804. He died December 9, 1880, his wife  
surviving him; and a funeral sermon, preached in the Presbyterian church

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of Bethany, N. Y., was published, from which I take the following facts concerning him :

"He was ordained Deacon at Mount Morris, N. Y. Connected afterward with several different churches, he worthily filled the office of Ruling Elder in each, serving ten years in the Bethany church. During a period of twenty-five or thirty years he labored earnestly in the missionary work of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and in that of the American Bible and Tract Societies. Hundreds of families remember his visits with pleasure and gratitude; he was welcomed everywhere. Two of his children are Elders, and one a clergyman, in the Presbyterian church. Gifted with superior mental powers, he was greatly respected and beloved."

His children were eleven in number (see **Pedigree of Marvin**).

Hon. Dudley (304) fourth son of Dea. Elisha Marvin married, January 31, 1818, Mary Jepson daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Saltonstall) Whalley, who was born in New London, Conn., May 6, 1792; at the time of their marriage both were residing in Canandaigua, N. Y., whither he had removed in 1807. He died in Ripley, N. Y., June 25, 1852. He was educated at Colchester Academy, Conn., and studied his profession in the office of Howell & Greig in Canandaigua. He was admitted to the Bar in 1811. During the War with Great Britain of 1812 he held a Lieutenantancy in the State Militia, and served actively for a short time. Some years later he filled the offices of Colonel, Brigadier- and Major-General, and is still remembered and spoken of by the military title of "General." He early became a lawyer of extensive reputation throughout Western New York, and was very successful as an advocate. In 1822 he was elected a Member of Congress and twice re-elected from Ontario county. While serving his first term in the House of Representatives he "became a warm personal friend of Henry Clay, then Speaker of the House; and the intimacy continued through life." He ably sustained the protective policy of the Whigs, and was an active supporter of Adams for President. In 1836 he removed to New York City, and practiced his



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profession there, and in the neighboring city of Brooklyn, with marked success; in 1843 he returned to Chautauqua county, and settled in Ripley, which was his home for the remainder of his life. In 1846 he was again sent to Congress from that District. He had, for a year or two previous, renewed his interest in politics, and distinguished himself by his addresses in favor of a protective tariff. A letter which he wrote in 1848, relative to supporting the nominees of the Baltimore Convention, which was issued as a campaign-document, had a wide circulation and influence. In his leisure hours he devoted considerable time to certain mechanical improvements, which he invented and patented. He was much interested in the temperance-movement, in which he took an active part, and in the Presbyterian church, with which he connected himself in Ripley. He was a kind and affectionate neighbor and friend, and a man of great personal popularity in the various communities in which he resided; a favorite in society, of ready wit, many of his bright sayings are preserved. His wife survived him, and died March 4, 1876, in Erie, Pa.; he had one child, *Selden*,<sup>7</sup> born in Canandaigua, N. Y., June 19, 1819 (see below).

Elihu (306) youngest son of Dea. Elisha Marvin married, September 10, 1813, Anna daughter of John and Sally (Durand) Humphreys, born December 9, 1782; she was a niece of Gen. David Humphreys of Humphreysville, Conn., where they resided, and where Elihu was engaged in woolen-manufacture, until about 1820, when he removed to Ripley, N. Y., and became a farmer, interesting himself in educational and religious institutions; about 1863 he removed to Erie, Pa., where he died at a very advanced age, about 1876. He had two daughters, the eldest of whom died unmarried; the younger, *Sarah*,<sup>7</sup> born January 29, 1820, married, in November 1838, Rev. Lemuel G. Olmstead, a graduate of Union College in 1834, and died May 23, 1843, leaving one daughter, *Sarah L.*,<sup>8</sup> born May 18, 1840; who married Matthew<sup>8</sup> grandson of Gov. Roger Griswold, and son of Matthew by Phoebe Hubbard (Ely) Griswold, whose mother was Phoebe (299) Marvin.

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Asahel (310) second son of Capt. Timothy Marvin married, September 17, 1797, his step-sister Azubah daughter of Capt. Micah and Azubah (Harvey) Sill, who was born November 15, 1780, in Lyme. She was a descendant of Capt. Joseph Sill who married the widow of Lieut. Reinold Marvin (see above). Asahel died in Lyme February 7, 1817, and was interred in the Marvin burying-ground, a mile north of Hamburg; his wife died May 26, 1856. Their children were:

438 (1.) *Sarah Maria*,<sup>7</sup> born May 4, 1799, in Lyme; who married, December 9, 1824, Stephen son of Stephen and Mary (Brown) Sterling of Lyme. They removed to Bloomfield, N. Y., where they lived for a year or two, and then returned to Lyme. She died September 5, 1851.  
439 She had four children: *Stephen Parker*<sup>8</sup> Sterling, the youngest, lives on the old homestead of his grandfather Stephen Sterling, and has a daughter,  
440 *Sarah Warner*,<sup>9</sup> born November 19, 1870.

441 (2.) *Ulysses*,<sup>7</sup> born April 11, 1801; whose descendants are mentioned hereafter.

442 (3.) *Azubah Harvey*,<sup>7</sup> born May 1, 1803; who married, April 29, 1822, Dr. Marshfield Sterling Parker, a man of great personal popularity, who filled many positions in the gift of his fellow-citizens, being Major of an artillery regiment, a Judge of Probate, Justice of the Peace, Town-clerk, Representative, and a Deacon in the church. The children of Azubah Harvey (Marvin) by Dr. Parker were seven. Of these, *William*  
443 *Mather*,<sup>8</sup> born July 20, 1828, resided in Lafayettville and Wilmington, N. C., where he was a merchant and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he was married but had no children; and died December 7, 1887, while attending a Methodist State Conference at  
444 Raleigh, N. C., to which he was a Delegate. *Anne Maria*,<sup>8</sup> the eldest daughter, born September 16, 1830, has been a teacher; she married, January 28, 1869, William Joseph (461) son of Dea. William Marvin, who died April 7, 1878; she now resides on the old Marvin homestead in the northern part of the town with her two sons, William and Henry

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- Seymour.<sup>129</sup> The younger sons of Azubah Harvey (Marvin) were: *Henry Lord*,<sup>8</sup> born January 11, 1843, in Lyme; who was a Captain in the 10th Connecticut Volunteers during the Rebellion, and now resides in New Haven; and *Seymour Landon*,<sup>8</sup> born in September 1845, in Lyme; now Postmaster of Hamburg, in that township; who has three children.
- (4.) *Phoebe Sill*,<sup>7</sup> born June 29, 1805; who married, July 16, 1831, Henry Jones; and resided in Lyme, in Salem and afterward in Andover, Conn.; where she died in March 1855; her husband died in Hartford July 14, 1872; they had three children.
- (5.) *Asahel Mather*,<sup>7</sup> born October 13, 1807; died in Lyme September 30, 1826; he was "a young man of unusual excellence of character."
- (6.) *Timothy Dwight*,<sup>7</sup> born August 28, 1809; who married, July 28, 1833, Harriet Welmore Bull of Middletown, Conn.; and now resides in Bayonne, N. J.; where he has had issue.
- (7.) *Abijah Perkins*,<sup>7</sup> born February 1, 1813 (see below).
- (8.) *Elisha Thomas*,<sup>7</sup> born August 5, 1817; who resided in New Orleans, La.; where he died, unmarried, in 1858.

The younger sons of Captain Timothy (183) Marvin removed to Michigan, where they had large families. The youngest was Dr. Mather (325) Marvin, who married, August 27, 1812, Matilda daughter of Jacob and Alletta Vreeland, born in Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., in 1792; he studied medicine in Lyme, and subsequently in New York City; after passing his examinations, and receiving licence to practice, his father gave him a horse, and he started in life for himself, locating in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., then but recently settled, where he at once identified himself with the people, and where his children were born; in the War of 1812 he served as an Assistant Surgeon on the Northern frontier; he removed to Lodi, Mich., about 1840, where he purchased a large tract of land, and spent the remainder of his life. His practice as a physician

<sup>129</sup> These sons, numbered under their father's name, it will be noticed are of the eighth generation on their father's and ninth on their mother's side, from the first Reginold.

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452 was extensive; in civil office he was active and efficient, and in the Presbyterian church served as Deacon, or Elder, for nearly half a century, and was at different times a Delegate to the General Assembly. He died in Lodi April 11, 1862; his wife died in Ann Arbor, Mich., May 14, 1864. The "New York Evangelist" published a very full obituary notice of him, speaking particularly of his Christian character and influence. His children were nine in number, but we are obliged to confine our notes to the third son, Rev. *Elihu Parrish*,<sup>7</sup> born March 27, 1819 (see below).

Theophilus Rogers (347) only son of Gen. Elihu Marvin married, April 3, 1832, Julia Ann Coleman daughter of Haydon and Joanna (Brown) Coggeshall of New Bedford, Mass., who was a descendant of John Coggeshall of Essex, England, who came to America in 1630, and was one of the first Selectmen of Boston; his name stands first among the Representatives sent by Boston to the first General Court, and he was several times re-elected; he was a Deputy at the time of the controversy with Anne Hutchinson, with whom he sympathized as against Winthrop, Endicott, Peters, and others of like prominence; he was one of the three who alone voted against her banishment, and in 1638 was banished himself, settling in Newport; in the controversy between the Newport and Boston churches, relative to the admission to the former of certain persons who had left the latter, he was the first to advance the principle of the absolute independence of the churches in their separate organizations,—a doctrine which the Bostonians were unable to refute; and they departed with their mission defeated. In 1641 he was chosen one of the "Assistants" of the Colony of Rhode Island; and under the Patent of 1647 he was chosen the first President of the Colony.<sup>130</sup>

<sup>130</sup> For a sketch of Coggeshall see American Quarterly Register, xv. p. 28, where a very full and interesting account of the matters alluded to in the text is given. The author of this article says Coggeshall was born in Lincolnshire; but I think Savage, who says he was from Essex, is most probably correct; the reasons for this opinion need not be given here.

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After the death of his father Theophilus Rogers Marvin resided for a short time in the family of his grandfather Rogers, in Norwich, then for a few years in Lyme, and then returned to Norwich; where at the age of fifteen he began his apprenticeship to the "art and mystery" of printing in the office of Mr. Russell Hubbard; and on "coming of age" was associated with his employer as printer and editor, in the conduct of the "Norwich Courier." He was "made a Freeman" in 1817, and continued to publish the paper about two years. In a brief autobiography, which I have found among his papers since his death, he mentions among his intimate friends at that time the venerable George Perkins, who passed his hundredth birthday while I have been preparing this monograph. He then removed to Erie, Pa., where he resided two years, employed as a surveyor and in teaching; and was a short time in the United States service as Purser's clerk; when this office was abolished he volunteered to join Gen. Schoolcraft's expedition, then about leaving for the West; but the company was full, and he was unable to go. In 1823 he came to Boston, and joined Mr. Ridley Banister in starting the "Boston Telegraph," of which Gerard Hallock was the editor, and established what is now the oldest printing-office in Boston. Not long after he added to his business the publishing and sale of books; issuing among other noted books Webster's "Speeches," and the "Church Psalmody," the first of the series of modern hymnals, which displaced the old "Watts and Select Hymns," so long the favorite in the Congregational churches. At the time of his death he was believed to be the oldest master-printer in the country. In his earlier years he was much in public life, holding various positions in the City Government of Boston—for forty years on the Primary or Public School Committee, six years in the Common Council, a Representative in the State Legislature, and a member of the Convention to revise the Constitution of the State in 1853.

A writer, giving some reminiscences of the "old times in Ward Six, Boston," in the palmy days of the Whig party, mentions him among its leaders, and says:

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"Old Ward Six, fifty years ago, was *the* aristocratic ward of Boston, and almost wholly Whig in politics . . . Headquarters on Election Day were furnished with all the luxuries, including champagne. To be a Warden then was equal in dignity to the present office of State Senator, and to be elected Representative to the General Court, at that time, of much more importance than to be sent now to Congress. Theophilus R. Marvin, the old printer, of the firm of Perkins & Marvin, fifty years ago, was the handsomest man in the Ward, and his daughter the handsomest woman. He was a Warden for years, and the best political manager I ever knew."

He was certainly a man of fine personal appearance, tall, being nearly six feet in height, and in his younger days very erect; he had the bright blue eyes, which seem to be a Marvin characteristic; dignified in manner, yet affable and courteous, he was a man of great personal popularity, as was his father, Gen. Marvin, whom he is said to have greatly resembled. The allusion to his daughter, who was then a child is incorrect; Miss Coggeshall, the sister of his wife, at that time visiting in his family, and a noted beauty, was probably meant. He served as Trustee of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, the Massachusetts Bible Society, the Massachusetts Colonization Society, and other benevolent organizations. With the late Dr. Jenks he was engaged in work for seamen in Boston, the outgrowth of which was the "Seamen's Bethel," and the "Mariners' Home," in which he was much interested. He also assisted in the establishment of a Mission Sunday School in the west part of the city, of which he was superintendent for several years. In 1859 Williams College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. His death, which occurred in Brookline, near Boston, May 9, 1882, evoked many eulogistic notices in the newspapers of the day, from which most of the above notes are gathered. From a funeral sermon preached shortly after his death by Rev. Reuben Thomas, D.D., of Brookline, I take the following:

"There was a grand robustness in Mr. Marvin's character. He was a massive old Puritan, a man of a type fast passing away; the friend of Everett, and Webster and Lyman Beecher, a man held in high esteem in the city, several times asked to allow himself to be mentioned for high office, but always declining; not very fond

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of conspicuity, but full of love and good works. In the olden days his home was noted for its hospitality. Clergymen found him one of their noblest and best friends. All philanthropic societies had the best help he could give them. And everything, I have been told (and I can well believe it from what I knew of him), was done so royally and generously . . . That splendid ring of his voice, which never left it, spoke of a great nature. I have only heard one voice like it here in New England—that of William Lloyd Garrison. It was not possible for a man with such a tone of voice as that of our friend to be anything but a grand man. God never makes a mistake and gives such a tone to a mean or second-rate man—never! When I heard Garrison talk, I knew he could go to prison or to death for any cause he believed in. And when first I heard our brother Marvin talk, I said to myself, 'Here is a man! No mistake here!' . . . Grand old man! He is gone, without a doubt, to employ the ripened energies of his soul in higher service!"

His wife died January 30, 1882. His children were :

- 453 (1.) *William Theophilus Rogers*,<sup>7</sup> born December 30, 1832 (see below).
- 454 (2.) *Julia Elizabeth*,<sup>7</sup> born September 5, 1834; who married, December 5, 1855, Edward Homer son of William G. and Margaret (Cushing) Ladd, and settled in Philadelphia; they resided subsequently in Brooklyn, N. Y., and London, Eng.; and, returning to America, settled in Summit, N. J., and finally in Westfield, Union Co., N. J.; where Mrs. Ladd established a Seminary for young people, which she carried on successfully until shortly before her death, December 29, 1884. She was a woman of marked ability, of wide influence in the community where she resided, and especially in the Congregational church of Westfield, of which she was one of the founders and original members. A Memorial of her life, with a pleasant tribute to her memory by the pastor of that church, was printed
- 455 shortly after her death. Her children were : i. *Annie Marvin*,<sup>8</sup> born in Boston, July 21, 1857; who married, in Westfield, N. J., October 4, 1877, Rev. Charles Joseph Hardy Ropes, a graduate of Yale and Andover; for some years Pastor of a Congregational church in Ellsworth, Me., and now a Professor in Bangor Theological Seminary; and has five children;
- 456 ii. *Alice Rogers*,<sup>8</sup> born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 5, 1859; who died in

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Westfield, N. J., April 3, 1884, where she was a teacher; iii. *Edward*  
 457 *Homer*,<sup>8</sup> born in Brooklyn September 30, 1860; who married, June 10,  
 1886, Adelaide Louise daughter of Henry M. and Adelaide (Beebe)  
 458 Evans of Westfield, and is a banker in New York City, residing in  
 Plainfield, N. J.; iv. *Ellen Ropes*,<sup>8</sup> born in Upper Clapton, England,  
 September 19, 1865.  
 459 (3.) *George Haydon*,<sup>7</sup> born December 19, 1840; who died May  
 15, 1842.

Deacon William (353) eldest son of Joseph Marvin married, October  
 21, 1819, Sophia daughter of Col. Josiah and Dorothy (Gates) Griffin, of  
 East Haddam, Conn., born May 26, 1793; and died in December 1863, in  
 Lyme. She was a niece of President Griffin of Williams College, and of  
 460 Phoebe his sister, wife of Joseph<sup>6</sup> son of Hepzibah (161) (Marvin) Lord  
 (see **Lord**). William Marvin was Judge of Probate, a Representative  
 in the General Court, and a Deacon in the Congregational church of  
 Lyme, residing near the Hamburg post-office. He had six children.  
 461 The third son, *William Joseph*,<sup>7</sup> born April 6, 1830, married, January 28,  
 1869, Anne Maria (444) daughter of Dr. Marshfield Sterling and  
 Azubah Harvey (Marvin) Parker. He died in Lyme April 7, 1878,  
 462-63 leaving two sons: i. *William*,<sup>8</sup> born March 13, 1873; ii. *Henry Scymour*,<sup>8</sup>  
 born August 8, 1875. His widow with her sons, as already mentioned,  
 resides on the old estate which has been in the family for several genera-  
 464 tions. The youngest son of Deacon William Marvin, *Francis Griffin*,<sup>7</sup>  
 born November 23, 1835, resided in Randolph, Wisc. During the  
 Rebellion he served in the Fifth Kansas Regiment of Mounted Rifles. He  
 is unmarried, and the only survivor of the family. The second daughter,  
 465 *Harriet Griffin*,<sup>7</sup> married Capt. M. L. Carpenter, as his second wife.

Capt. Joseph (361) eldest son of Capt. Matthew Marvin married,  
 January 22, 1797, Temperance Miller of Lyme; where he resided until  
 about 1820, when he removed to Bazetta, Trumbull Co., O., the birth-



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place of his two younger children. Like his father and grandfather, he held military rank. He was living in Warren, O., in 1871, "hale and hearty," although then ninety-nine years old, and having had a large family.

466 His second son, *Matthew*,<sup>7</sup> born October 5, 1799, married, in May 1822, Sarah Read (165) daughter of Enoch (son of Hepzibah (161) Marvin) and Esther (Durfee) Lord, born in Lyme February 12, 1796 (see *Lord*). They removed early in life to Norwalk, O., and died there.

Dr. Jonathan Deming (382) youngest son of Capt. Matthew Marvin married: first, December 31, 1811, Maria R. Bloom of Fishkill, N. Y.; by whom he had two children who died in infancy. His wife died June 11, 1814, aged twenty-three; and he married, secondly, December 28, 1814, Mary Seaver of Troy, N. Y., who died, *s. p.*, May 23, 1816, aged nineteen. He married, thirdly, October 5, 1818, Henrietta daughter of Nathaniel Andrus of Newark, N. J., who was born July 25, 1787, and died in Morris Plains, N. J., January 6, 1860. He died in July 1872. They had four children. The eldest son, Dr. *Cornelius Ackerson*,<sup>7</sup> born June 17, 1827, married, October 1, 1851, Ella B. daughter of Samuel L. Holmes of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has resided in New York and Brooklyn, and in Montclair, N. J., where he is now living. His children are: i. *Ella Holmes*,<sup>8</sup> born June 8, 1856; who married, October 1, 1885, Edward A. Rayner, and has a son, born in September 1886; ii. *Charles Deming*,<sup>8</sup> who married, in 1884, Florence A. Jewell, and has a son, *Leonard Holmes*,<sup>9</sup> born January 10, 1886; iii. *Cornelia Augusta*,<sup>8</sup> born April 12, 1864; iv. *Mary Andrus*,<sup>8</sup> born November 25, 1870.

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William (396) second son of Giles Marvin married, in 1801, Mercy Crosby of Alstead, N. H. She died October 15, 1856; the date of his death I have not been able to learn. Their children, who were all born in Alstead, N. H., were twelve in number.

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473        Hon. *Levi Chandler*,<sup>8</sup> the eldest son, born September 21, 1808, was a Universalist clergyman; he married, July 27, 1836, Ann M. Mooers of Hudson, N. Y., who was born in 1808. He went early to the West, and resided in Boonesville, Mo. He was always a firm Emancipationist, especially when the "Border Troubles" with Kansas were exciting so much popular feeling, and he and his brother Asa, mentioned below, took a prominent part in political affairs. He was a strong advocate of the Union cause at a time when the allegiance of the State was considered doubtful; and both did their part in retaining Missouri in the Union. In 1862-63 he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of that State. He had five children.

474        Hon. *Asa Crosby*,<sup>8</sup> the third son, born in 1814, settled in Clinton, Mo. He married; first, December 24, 1843, Martha Arbuckle of Clinton. She died; and he married, secondly, in 1854, Mary Selina Adams, who died shortly after their marriage. He married, thirdly, Angelina Booker. He was engaged in the practice of law, and, like his brother, was an "unconditional Union man" throughout the troubles of the Civil War. He was elected to the Senate of the State of Missouri at the same time that his brother was chosen to the lower House of the Legislature; like him he was an ardent Emancipationist. He had six children, four by his first wife, and two by his third wife.

475        Rev. *Josiah*,<sup>8</sup> the fifth son, was born in 1819; he married, in 1845, Mary Ann Harris of Chesterfield, N. H. He was a clergyman of the Universalist church, and settled in Springfield, Mo., in 1862, and later for some years was a Pastor in Minnesota. Returning to the East he became the Minister of the Universalist Church in Nashua, N. H., and subsequently was an agent for one of the Societies of the same denomination. He died in Alstead in September 1887. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, and occupied high positions in that Order. "He was a man of strong character, highly esteemed in private circles, and one who made innumerable friends wherever he resided."

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I must refer to **Pedigree of Marvin** for farther particulars of this elder branch; much information concerning it has been kindly  
476 furnished me by Dr. *Charles Alexis*,<sup>8</sup> son of Richard (398) and grandson of John (248) Marvin, born July 8, 1842; who married, April 21, 1869, Frances Annie Hinkley. He has resided in Iowa, but now lives in Torrington, Conn., practicing dentistry; and has four children.

Rev. Uriah (411) eighth son of Dea. Uriah Marvin was graduated at Union College in 1835; he subsequently studied theology in the Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1848, and not long after was ordained a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church. He has had pastoral charges at Greenwich, N. Y., in New York City, and in Nyack, N. Y. He married, October 31, 1844, Margaret J. daughter of Samuel and Lorenda Stevens of Troy, N. Y., who was born April 5, 1821. He is now residing in Albany. Their children were:

477 i. *Samuel Stevens*,<sup>8</sup> born August 19, 1845; who died in Albany August 13, 1847.

478 ii. Rev. *Frederic Rowland*,<sup>8</sup> born September 23, 1847; who married, May 28, 1874, Persis A. Rowell of New York City. They have no children. He is a Congregational clergyman, and has been settled in Middletown, N. Y., in Portland, Oregon, and is now the Pastor of the church in Great Barrington, Mass.<sup>131</sup>

479 iii. *Margaret Lorenda*,<sup>8</sup> born June 18, 1849; who married, November 3, 1880, Hon. Charles R. Ingalls, Justice of the Supreme Court of  
480 New York. They have one daughter, *Margaret Marvin*,<sup>9</sup> born September 21, 1884.

481 iv. Rev. *Dwight Edwards*,<sup>8</sup> born in Greenwich, N. Y., February 22, 1851 (see below).

482 v. *Alison Bowen*,<sup>8</sup> born March 3, 1853; who died January 17, 1854.

483 vi. *Uriah Willison*,<sup>8</sup> born January 3, 1856; who died August 6, 1876.

<sup>131</sup> This church occupies the beautiful stone edifice erected by the liberality of Mrs. Mark Hopkins. It is one of the finest buildings owned by the denomination in the United States.

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Dan (416) eldest son of Dan Marvin married, in October 1817, Amanda Royce; who died of apoplexy, in Lyme, December 31, 1858, aged sixty. Their children were:

- 484        i. *Horatio Nelson*,<sup>8</sup> born September 24, 1819; who resided in Lyme, and died, unmarried, February 21, 1858.
- 485        ii. *David Royce*,<sup>8</sup> born July 16, 1821; who married, in February 1853, Elizabeth Cone adopted daughter of her uncle Reed Anderson. He resided in Jamestown, N. Y., where he died February 20, 1888, having had: 1. *Henry C.*,<sup>9</sup> 2. *Harriet*,<sup>9</sup> 3. *Frederick*,<sup>9</sup> 4. *Newton R.*<sup>9</sup>
- 486-89       iii. *Frederick William*,<sup>8</sup> born June 4, 1823; who married: first, 490 January 4, 1853, Sarah Elizabeth Hall, who was the mother of his children. She died September 17, 1873, aged forty; and he married, secondly, May 9, 1877, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, widow of Henry Stanwood Lee, and daughter of Richard Royce. He resides on Grassy Hill, Lyme, and his children are: 1. *Sarah Anna*,<sup>9</sup> born February 5, 1854; who married, 491 March 21, 1878, Henry Bailey Maynard; 2. *Selden Richard*,<sup>9</sup> born 492 May 29, 1856; 3. *Fannie Eudora*,<sup>9</sup> born August 18, 1858; who married, 493 March 16, 1877, Joseph Henry, her step-brother, son of Henry Stanwood and Elizabeth (Royce) Lee (see **Lee**); 4. *Elbert William*,<sup>9</sup> born January 494 29, 1864; 5. *Lena Emma*,<sup>9</sup> born November 6, 1865; 6. *George Kellogg*,<sup>9</sup> 495-96 born July 29, 1867; 7. *Flora Velina*,<sup>9</sup> born November 16, 1869.
- 497        iv. *Sarah Ann*,<sup>8</sup> born April 8, 1826; who died in Lyme, unmarried, 498 December 27, 1849.
- 499        v. *Richard Selden*,<sup>8</sup> born September 11, 1828; who died in Lyme, unmarried, June 16, 1852.
- 500        vi. *Augustus Dan*,<sup>8</sup> born April 18, 1831; who married: first, April 12, 1860, Sarah Ellen daughter of James M. and Sarah M. Beebe, who died April 1, 1866; and, secondly, February 5, 1867, Emma H. daughter of Ezra and Elizabeth Hall; he resides on an old Marvin homestead on Grassy Hill, which has been in the family for several generations; 501 his children were: 1. *Willis Dan*,<sup>9</sup> born August 2, 1861; who died

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- 502 May 14, 1872; 2. *Elmer Monroe*,<sup>9</sup> born December 6, 1863; 3. *Minnie*  
 503-04 *Amanda*,<sup>9</sup> born June 24, 1868; 4. *Bertha Elizabeth*,<sup>9</sup> born March 1, 1876.  
 505 vii. *Henry*,<sup>8</sup> born April 12, 1833; who resides in Colchester, Conn.  
 He married, April 17, 1859, Fanny C. daughter of Ezra Hall, who died  
 December 31, 1883, leaving four children.  
 506 viii. *Joseph Royce*,<sup>8</sup> born August 8, 1837; who died in Lyme  
 April 2, 1857.

John (417) second son of Dan Marvin resided in Deep River, Conn., where he was a Deacon of the Congregational Church. He married, about 1816, Lydia H. daughter of Samuel W. and Lydia Pratt, who was born March 23, 1798, and died October 8, 1852. Their children were :

- 507 i. *Reinold Selden*,<sup>8</sup> born November 27, 1817.  
 508 ii. *Sylvanus Pratt*,<sup>8</sup> born March 17, 1821; who was graduated at  
 Yale in 1847. He is a Congregational clergyman, having been licensed by  
 the Middlesex Association August 7, 1849, and was at one time settled in  
 Jamestown, N. Y.  
 509 iii. *John Whittlesey*,<sup>8</sup> born January 3, 1824.

Hon. Richard Pratt (432) second son of Selden (292) Marvin passed his boyhood on his father's farm, in Dryden, N. Y., attending the District School in its season, where the love of learning became with him a "devouring passion." His health being such at the age of nineteen that he was unable to continue laboring on the farm, he devoted himself to his books, making the most of his opportunities for study, and often working twelve and even fourteen hours a day. Having fitted himself for the position, he became a teacher in the common schools, and gave all his leisure moments to reading the English classics and history, and acquired a fair knowledge of Latin, the only study in which he had direction and instruction. Judge Marvin may certainly be said to be a remarkable instance of a *self-educated* man. In 1826 he began the study of law, which

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he pursued mainly in the office of the late Hon. Mark H. Sibley of Canandaigua, N. Y., where he had the occasional friendly counsel and encouragement of Gen. Dudley (304) Marvin, then a Member of Congress; to this profession he devoted himself with the same zeal and earnestness that he had given to his earlier studies. In May 1829 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, and also in the Court of Chancery, and a few weeks later removed to Jamestown, N. Y., his present residence, where he has been living for more than sixty years. In 1838, and subsequently for several years, Mr. Madison Burnell, well known as a successful advocate, was associated with him as a junior partner. His public life began with his election, in the fall of 1835, to the State Assembly; and the following year he was elected a Member of the Twenty-fifth Congress, and re-elected for a second term, serving during the administration of President Van Buren. In May 1846 he was chosen one of the Delegates to the Convention to amend and revise the State Constitution; and the following year was elected one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, in the Eighth Judicial District, and entered upon his duties July 1, 1847. He was twice re-elected to this position, and, having drawn the long term, when the periods of service were determined by lot in 1847, he occupied a seat on this Bench for more than twenty-four years, the Court having jurisdiction in all parts of the State; and he served in his turn two years as one of the Justices of the Court of Appeals. His judicial life terminated December 31, 1871, soon after which he went abroad, and passed a year on the Continent in travel and recreation, returning home in the fall of 1873. He has since, under appointment from the Court, taken references in actions, trying them and making a decision of all the issues, until quite recently, when he declined to accept farther labor in this direction. He has been counsel in several important cases in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of his native State, and in the Supreme Court of the United States, his last case of this kind having been disposed of only about a year ago. It is seldom indeed that one who has undergone the constant mental strain incident to so exacting a position, retains his health, strength

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and intellectual vigor unimpaired, as does Judge Marvin, who, although upwards of eighty-five years of age at the present time, is still frequently consulted.

At the Reunion of the Old Settlers of Chautauqua County, in 1874, Judge Marvin delivered a Historical Address, a portion of which is printed in the "History" of that County, in which will be found a brief sketch of his life, and his portrait engraved on steel.<sup>122</sup> He married, September 8, 1834, Isabella daughter of David Newland, a merchant of Albany, of Scotch descent. She was a most amiable and estimable lady, and her kindly deeds and patriotic labors in behalf of the soldiers absent in the War, among whom were two of her sons, will long be remembered. She died in Jamestown February 12, 1872. Their children were :

- i. General *Selden Erastus*,<sup>8</sup> born August 20, 1835 (see below).
- ii. *Sarah Jane*,<sup>8</sup> born October 18, 1836; who married, October 20, 1859, Eric L. Hall of Jamestown; and has: 1. *Margaret Newland*,<sup>9</sup> and 2. *Mary Chaney*,<sup>9</sup> twins, born July 27, 1864.
- iii. *David Newland*,<sup>8</sup> born August 6, 1839; who was graduated at Union College in 1859, and studied law; but afterwards determined to make banking his business, and became Cashier of the Chautauqua National Bank in Jamestown. He married, September 21, 1870, Julia daughter of Dr. Cornelius Ormes; by whom he had: 1. *Isabella*,<sup>9</sup> born October 16, 1871; and 2. *Maud*,<sup>9</sup> born July 14, 1873. He died October 10, 1875. He was a man of unusual ability, and greatly beloved by all who knew him.
- iv. *Mary Elizabeth*,<sup>8</sup> born July 3, 1841; who married, November 4, 1869, Dr. B. F.<sup>8</sup> Goodrich of Akron, O., who is a descendant of Matthew Marvin, in the eighth generation, through his daughter Sarah (41) who married William Goodrich,<sup>123</sup> and has three children: 1. *Charles Cross*,<sup>9</sup> born August 3, 1871; 2. *Isabella*,<sup>9</sup> born February 8, 1874; 3. *David Marvin*,<sup>9</sup> born June 22, 1876.

<sup>122</sup> See History of Chautauqua County, pp. 367-68.

<sup>123</sup> The Goodrich Family, p. 291, has a notice of Dr. Goodrich.

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- 522           v. *William R.*,<sup>8</sup> born November 10, 1843; who went into the Army, and died of disease contracted in the service, in the Army of the Potomac, February 17, 1863.
- 523           vi. *Robert Newland*,<sup>8</sup> born October 13, 1845; he is a banker in Jamestown, and is unmarried.
- 524           vii. *Richard Pratt*<sup>8</sup> Jr., born May 30, 1848; who was graduated at Rochester University in 1870, and resides in Akron, O., where he is in the practice of law, and also engaged in business, as I understand, with his brother-in-law Goodrich.
- 525           viii. *Isabella*,<sup>8</sup> born August 10, 1849; who died, unmarried, January 3, 1881.

526           Judge William (433) third son of Selden Marvin married: first, October 15, 1846, Harriette Newell daughter of Hon. Elisha and Mary (Square) Foote of Cooperstown, N. Y.<sup>131</sup> She died in Key West, Fla., March 31, 1848, leaving an infant daughter, *Harriette*.<sup>8</sup> The "New York Observer," of a few weeks later, had a most appreciative tribute to her memory; the peculiar loveliness of her character endeared her to all her acquaintances; but to those who knew her in the domestic circle the deep devotion of her self-sacrificing spirit was most conspicuous. He married, secondly, in 1866, Mrs. Freeborn G. Jewett of Skeneateles, N. Y., where he now resides.

Judge Marvin was Justice of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, residing in Key West. This Court was established by Act of Congress February 23, 1847, and was invested with the powers of a District and Circuit Court; the Act creating it also conferred upon it certain special powers; it is *always* open for the purpose of hearing and *deciding* all causes of admiralty, and maritime jurisdiction; in the ten years 1848-58 four hundred and ninety-nine vessels, valued at upwards of \$16,000,000, wrecked or in distress, were carried into Key West.<sup>135</sup>

<sup>131</sup> See Foote Genealogy, pp. 89 and 304.

<sup>135</sup> See The Law of Wreck and Salvage, p. 28 and p. 2.



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The rulings and decisions of Judge Marvin, in the numerous cases brought before this Court, have long been recognized as the highest authority in admiralty-law; and a volume which he published, entitled "A Treatise on the Law of Wreck and Salvage," is frequently cited.

In 1861, before the outbreak of the Rebellion, he was a consistent supporter of the National authority, and in various ways he aided in sustaining the cause of the Union. I quote a brief extract from an article written by him for the "Tallahassee Floridian," printed in 1861, which is worthy of permanent record, as showing the attitude of many Southern Unionists:

"But what ought the South to do in the present state of things? I do not know. My mind is clear as to what it ought *not* to do. It ought not to get out from under the protection of the present Constitution of the United States, until it can get under the protection of a better one;—one, too, that shall bind the North as thoroughly as this does to keep the peace;—and it ought not to disobey the laws. The frying-pan is as comfortable a place as the fire, and it may be better to endure the evils that we have, than to fly to those we know not of. But can we stay in the Union, where our rights are denied, without dishonor? Perhaps South Carolina cannot, for she threatened to go out on the election of Lincoln, and, if she did not do it, her people would think themselves dishonored.

"But what are our rights? Have we agreed upon what they are! One is to have our negro property protected by Acts of Congress, in the Territories. Is not this a new demand? How long is it since the whole South voted that Congress had no right to legislate on the subject of slavery in the Territories? But *we* say the right is certain under the Constitution, and the *North* denies it. It is then a disputed demand or claim. Now it appears to me that there is no dishonor in letting it remain in dispute until there is some Territory, opened or acquired, which the South may wish to settle with negroes. . . ."

After the close of the war Judge Marvin was appointed Provisional Governor of Florida by President Johnson, and was subsequently elected to the United States Senate. Beside the work mentioned above, Judge Marvin has also issued a small volume entitled "The Authorship of the Four Gospels: External Evidences," which was published in July 1885.

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Hon. Selden (435) only son of Gen. Dudley Marvin married, May 25, 1847, Sarah Wilson daughter of John B. Dinsmore Esq. of Ripley, N. Y. After reading law in the city of New York he settled, in 1841, in Ripley, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., where he engaged in farming and in the practice of his profession. In 1852 he was elected Special Judge, and was County Judge from 1856 to 1860, in which last year he removed to Erie, Pa.; of that city he has been Mayor and City Recorder, and he now resides there. He has had five children: *Dudley*,<sup>8</sup> the eldest, was born, March 18, 1850, in Ripley, and died in Erie March 26, 1864. He was a youth of much promise, and showed strength of character unusual in one so young. *Mary Whalley*,<sup>8</sup> the eldest daughter, was born, January 3, 1853, in Ripley; she was graduated with distinction at Vassar in 1874; and married, September 11, 1876, Daniel O'Dell of New York City; where she died October 16, 1876, having nearly completed a regular course of medical study. A very full notice of this lady was printed in one of the Erie papers after her death, following so soon after her marriage, which said:

"Possessed of an uncommonly bright intellect and marked independence of character, she added to those qualities an originality of thought and expression that would have attracted attention anywhere. . . . Though she always seemed bent on some serious purpose in life, there was nothing shadowy in her nature. She had a bright, sunny disposition, and a buoyancy of spirits that rarely left her, and made her a most agreeable companion."

*Charles Dinsmore*,<sup>8</sup> the only surviving son, was born November 25, 1855; he was graduated at Lafayette College in 1878; and is engaged in business as a banker and broker in New York City.

Ulysses (441) eldest son of Asahel Marvin married, May 1, 1822, Elizabeth daughter of Arba Bradley of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Bradley was a very ingenious man, and, I am told, constructed the first orrery made in America. They settled in Lyme, Conn., but later removed to

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530 Stowe, O., where he was a farmer, and an Elder in the religious body known as the "Campbellites," or "Disciples." He died in Stowe May 11, 1887; his wife also died there, June 28, 1884, aged about eighty-four. They had six children: *Ulysses Leslie*,<sup>8</sup> the youngest, was born March 14, 1839; he married, November 24, 1861, Dorcas A. daughter of Hon. David L. Rockwell. During the War for the Union he served in the Ohio Volunteers, and held the position of Judge Advocate. He has since been a Judge of Probate, and of the Superior Court of Ohio. They have five children.

Rev. Abijah Perkins (450) fourth son of Asahel Marvin passed his boyhood in Lyme; and after preparing for college entered Washington (now Trinity), where he received his degree in 1839; he completed his education at Yale Theological Seminary, being graduated in 1842. He was licensed by the New London Association the preceding year, and soon after was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Winchendon, Mass., where he remained twenty-three years, until 1866; while there, in 1850, he preached a Fast-Day sermon on the Fugitive Slave Law, the enforcement of which was then arousing so strong a feeling of indignation throughout New England, and especially in Massachusetts; this was printed at the time, and attracted much attention. In 1869 he removed to Worcester, and the following year to Lancaster, Mass.; for five years he was Pastor of the Congregational church in that town, where he still resides. Beside frequent contributions to the religious press, he has prepared and published several volumes of a historical character. While living in Winchendon he wrote a "History" of that town; and he has since published a work on the history of Lancaster. Both of these have received favorable notice in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register." He has also published a "History of Worcester County," and a large volume of nearly 600 pages entitled "Worcester in the War." Of the latter work a critique, published soon after its appearance, said:

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"It is not in the spirit of compliment that we say the author has performed his task in an admirable manner. . . . It has been written in a broad and catholic spirit, and with the evident design to do equal and exact justice to all, of whatever name or sect in politics or religion, in whatever conditions they were, whether as soldiers or officers, or in that busy life at home that omitted no effort to draw out and organize the spirit necessary to encounter the Rebellion, and to muster the required forces for the rough service of the army corps. . . . It is seen through the whole volume, in the tone of honest fidelity to truth that pervades its every page, from beginning to end. Its completeness surprises while it gratifies."

For the last two years or more he has been at work on a "Memoir of the Life and Times of Cotton Mather," which is now nearly ready for publication. This is based on a thorough and exhaustive study of the life of this famous and eccentric divine, a careful reading of his autograph Journals and Manuscripts, many of which have never been published, and, while giving an impartial estimate of his character and career, will, it is believed by those who have seen the manuscript, place him in a very different light from that in which he has been so long regarded. Perhaps no New England clergyman has been more misunderstood or more unjustly treated by writers of Puritan history; and this work when issued, as it is hoped it may be at an early day, will be a surprise to those who have based their opinions upon the statements of Savage, Drake and others, who have seen in Cotton Mather only an object of ridicule. Mr. Marvin has given much time also to genealogical research; and my father and myself are much indebted to him for personal reminiscences, as well as for valuable assistance in the preparation of this monograph. While having the tall stature which seems to be a Marvin heritage, he preserves the ruddy complexion and physical traits which characterize the descendants of the old Indian warrior Capt. Joseph Sill, whose blood he shares. He married, March 5, 1845, Caroline daughter of Micah and Roxanna (Richardson) Holbrook, who was born in Holden, Mass., in 1824; and has three daughters, all born in Winchendon: *Caroline Emily*,<sup>8</sup> the eldest, was born April 20, 1846; she is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke; and married,

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532-33 June 11, 1872, Frederick W. Russell, M.D.; they reside in Winchendon, where they have two daughters and a son. His other daughters, *Mary Azubah*,<sup>8</sup> and *Katharine Mather*,<sup>8</sup> are unmarried.

Rev. Elihu Parrish (452) second son of Dr. Mather Marvin removed, while a youth, with his father's family, to Michigan. He was graduated at Western Reserve in 1842, studied theology, and settled as Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Saline, Mich., in 1847; he was installed Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Medford, Mass., in 1852, in charge of which he remained until about 1865. Not long before resigning this charge he had acquired a controlling interest in the "Boston Recorder," then recognized as the leading Congregationalist paper. He conducted this with success till it was consolidated, in 1867, with "The Congregationalist." In that year he received from Dartmouth the honorary degree of D.D. Two years later he assumed the management of the "Boston Daily News," a staunch Temperance paper, which occupied the remainder of his life. Some months before he died he was compelled by sickness to abandon his literary labors, and for several weeks was confined at his home in Wellesley, Mass., whither he had removed from Medford some years before. Partially recovering his strength, he sought to discharge his accustomed duties, but was again prostrated by disease; to which he finally succumbed May 11, 1874, after days of intense suffering. He married: first, April 22, 1845, Elizabeth M. Burke, who was the mother of his two elder daughters. She died in Medford August 5, 1853; and he married, secondly, July 11, 1854, Mrs. Julia Farrar, daughter of William Carleton of Charlestown, Mass., well known as the liberal benefactor of Carleton College. By her he had five children: the eldest son, *George Elihu*,<sup>8</sup> born February 18, 1857, in Medford, is in business in Boston; he is unmarried, and resides in Winchester, Mass.; his second son, *William Mather*,<sup>8</sup> born June 19, 1862, in Medford, prepared for college at the Boston Public Latin School, and was graduated at Williams in 1886. He is in business in New York City. The youngest daughter, *Julia*,<sup>8</sup> born in Medford August 23, 1866, resides in Winchester with her mother.

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William Theophilus Rogers (453) eldest son of Theophilus Rogers Marvin is a resident of Brookline, Mass. He succeeded his father in the management of his printing-office in Boston. Fitted for college at the Boston Latin School, in which he received one of Boston's famous "Franklin Medals," he was graduated at Williams in 1854, taking the Master's degree in course. A few years later he obtained for his Alma Mater a charter for the Massachusetts Gamma of the Phi Beta Kappa, of which he was one of the Charter Members. He has been interested in educational matters, and has served a number of years on the School Committee of Brookline, of which he is now the Secretary. In Freemasonry he is a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and has held other positions in that body. In 1880 he published a work of 360 pages, descriptive of the "Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," to the preparation of which he had given much time and labor, and which is quoted as the standard authority on the subject, not only in this country but abroad. He has also published other works of less importance, on antiquarian, heraldic and numismatic subjects; and has for several years been one of the editors of the "American Journal of Numismatics," and an Honorary or Corresponding Member of several of the Societies devoted to that science in America. He married: first, April 17, 1861, Anne Maria second daughter of George and Judith Ray (Sawyer) Howe, who was born in Milford, N. H., June 27, 1837, by whom he had three children; she was a lady of an unusually bright and cheerful disposition, and a great favorite in society; she died very suddenly, in Boston, July 9, 1870. He married, secondly, December 30, 1874, his second cousin Mary eldest daughter of Edward Samuel and Abby Russell (Pope) Ritchie, who is of Scotch descent on her father's side; she was then of Brookline, and was born June 12, 1845. She is the mother of his three younger children, who were born in Brookline. His eldest daughter, i. *Florence*,<sup>8</sup> born 537 October 15, 1862, married, October 13, 1886, George Hoffman fourth son of Effingham and Martha Bowman (Wray) Embree of Westfield, N. J., 538 where they reside; ii. *Julia Rogers*,<sup>8</sup> born November 9, 1866; iii. *Theoph-*

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- 539 *ilus Rogers*,<sup>8</sup> born September 11, 1868. These three were born in Boston.  
 540-41 iv. *Elizabeth Eliot*,<sup>8</sup> born November 15, 1876; v. *John Reginold*,<sup>8</sup> born  
 542 January 22, 1879; vi. *George Ritchie*,<sup>8</sup> born April 9, 1880.

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I shall refer to but few families of the eighth generation not already mentioned, and those principally of the elder branches, which will afford the opportunity to name some of the tenth degree from our common ancestor. Most of these are yet children; and, while it would not have been difficult to enlarge this portion of my monograph very materially, I refrain; as such a record, necessarily covering little more than a list of births and deaths, would possess no general interest. It will be easy for one who so desires to complete his own record from the **Pedigree of Marvin**, through which I trust but little difficulty will be found in tracing back any line to the original settler.

- 543-44 *Nehemiah*,<sup>8</sup> second son of *Seth*,<sup>7</sup> who was the eldest son of John (248) Marvin, married, in 1836, Margaret daughter of Abraham and Louisa Montée, who was born in Plattsburgh, N. Y., in September 1814, and died there September 15, 1882. Nehemiah died in Plattsburgh May 18, 1875. They had six children, who were born in that town:
- 545 1. *William*,<sup>9</sup> born October 12, 1838; who died in Burlington, Vt., about 1859 or 1860.
- 546 2. *Hannah M.*,<sup>9</sup> born April 16, 1841; who died in early childhood.
- 547 3. *John Adams*,<sup>9</sup> born December 5, 1843; who died in infancy.
- 548 4. *George Henry*,<sup>9</sup> born July 14, 1845; who married Miss Steinburg; he served in the Union army during the War, and died in Greensboro' Bend, Vt., April 3, 1882. He had a son *Leon*,<sup>10</sup> born in 1880.
- 549 5. *Susan Johannah*,<sup>9</sup> born November 20, 1847; who is unmarried, and resides in Plattsburgh.
- 550 6. *John Nehemiah*,<sup>9</sup> born September 7, 1850; who is Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Canajoharie, N. Y. He was admitted to
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the Diaconate by Bishop Doane, in Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, July 13, 1879; soon afterwards he became Assistant Minister in that Parish, and Missionary to St. Luke's, Chazy, and St. John's, Salmon River. November 18, 1885, he was ordained to the Priesthood in All Saints' Cathedral, by the same Bishop; and since January 1884 has been Missionary to Holy Cross Church, Fort Plain, and Rector of the Church at Canajoharie. He married, February 2, 1876, Sarah Gertrude daughter of Dr. William Shepherd and Luthera Daggett of Champlain, N. Y.; and has: (1.) *Elizabeth Luthera*,<sup>10</sup> born September 9, 1881. (2.) *Frances Gertrude*,<sup>10</sup> born January 11, 1883.

554         *Levi*<sup>8</sup> third son of Seth (544) Marvin resides in Keene, N. H. He married, in 1840, Hannah Ranstead, by whom he had three daughters and  
555         two sons; the eldest, *Edwin*,<sup>9</sup> born about 1842, died in the nation's service, during the Rebellion, in 1861.

556         *Richard John*<sup>8</sup> eldest son of Richard Marvin, who was the sixth son of John (248), was born July 8, 1822; and married, December 27, 1844, Alice Fisk daughter of Dr. Charles Parsons of Swanton, Vt. He is a physician, residing at Orange City, Fla. Their children are:  
557         1. *Daniel Ryan*,<sup>9</sup> born June 20, 1846; who married, in 1872, Helen  
558         Dezelle; and died January 15, 1885, leaving a son, *Richard John*,<sup>10</sup> born in  
559         1873; 2. *George Leland*,<sup>9</sup> born, July 6, 1849, in Swanton, Vt.; who died in  
560         Orange City September 2, 1884; 3. *Charles Parsons*,<sup>9</sup> born December 27, 1862; who married, December 25, 1883, Annie M. Twing of Orange City;  
561-62         and has: (1.) *Alice May*,<sup>10</sup> born April 6, 1884; (2.) *Harriet*,<sup>10</sup> born September 25, 1885.

Rev. Dwight Edwards (481) third son of Rev. Uriah Marvin was engaged in Insurance and Real Estate business in Troy, N. Y., from 1869 until 1877; he then began the study of theology at Auburn Seminary, where he was graduated in May 1880; after which he spent a year in post-graduate study at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He was



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settled, December 11, 1881, over the First Congregational Church of East Albany, where he remained until September 1884; the following month he was settled over the Plymouth Congregational Church of Utica, N. Y., and continued in the pastorate there until the fall of 1888, when he accepted a charge in Germantown, Pa. He married, September 17, 1874, Ida Norton eldest daughter of William W. and Caroline K. Whitman of Troy, N. Y.; and has: 1. *Charles Ingalls*,<sup>9</sup> born in Troy October 22, 1875; 2. *Caroline Whitman*,<sup>9</sup> born in Troy June 13, 1878; 3. *Dwight Willison*,<sup>9</sup> born in Auburn, N. Y., February 7, 1880; 4. *Roseland Whitman*,<sup>9</sup> born in Utica March 7, 1887.

Gen. Selden Erastus (510) eldest son of Judge Richard Pratt Marvin resides in Albany, where he is Secretary and Treasurer of The Troy Steel and Iron Company. He early became interested in military affairs, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Sixty-eighth Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, August 6, 1857; nine months later he was promoted to be First Lieutenant, and two years after he was commissioned Regimental Quartermaster. This position he was holding when, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, the Regiment voted unanimously to tender its services to the President. Although this offer was not accepted, it resulted in the formation of the 112th Regiment of New York Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Adjutant July 21, 1862; and two days later the command with its officers was mustered into the United States service. He was Mustering Officer for the Congressional District comprising the Counties of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus, and mustered into the service eighteen hundred men, of whom eleven hundred constituted the 112th and the remainder a part of the 154th Regiment of New York Volunteers.

Early in September 1862 the Regiment was ordered to Suffolk, Virginia, and after a short time he was detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of Foster's Brigade, in which capacity he served about a year. In September 1863 he was appointed Additional Paymaster, in the

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Regular Army, and attached to the Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He resigned December 27, 1864, to accept the office of Paymaster General of the State of New York, on the staff of Gov. Fenton, his commission bearing the date of January 1, 1865. In this office he disbursed \$27,000, 000 as bounties. Two years later he was commissioned Adjutant General of the same State, which position he still holds.

General Marvin has been prominent in the administration of the business-affairs of the Diocese of Albany, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was elected Treasurer of the Diocese just after its organization in 1868; he is also Treasurer of its Board of Missions; of the Funds for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen; and Assistant Treasurer of All Saints' Cathedral, and a member of its Chapter. He married, September 24, 1868, Katharine Langdon daughter of Amasa J. and Harriet Langdon Parker of Albany, N. Y.; by whom he has had: 1. *Selden Erastus*<sup>9</sup> Jr., born December 1, 1869; 2. *Grace Parker*,<sup>9</sup> born April 7, 1872; 3. *Langdon Parker*,<sup>9</sup> born September 16, 1876; 4. *Edmund Roberts*,<sup>9</sup> born August 10, 1878; 5. *Richard Pratt*,<sup>9</sup> born August 18, 1882; who died September 6, 1883.

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While it would be a pleasant task to trace the different lines of Reginold Marvin's descendants still farther, this would not be in accordance with the plan of these monographs. My paper has already covered a wider ground than was originally contemplated, and I close with the preceding notice of the eldest son of that member of the family whom we may regard as perhaps, more than any other, a typical representative of the Marvins. Tall and still erect, though long past the allotted age of man, Judge Marvin has been blessed with health and vigor at a period when to most men "the grasshopper is a burden." Longevity, especially in the earlier generations, is a conspicuous physical characteristic of the family. The perseverance under obstacles, the determination which assures success, the cool and deliberate judgment, the firm adherence to principle,

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which have distinguished his life, have shown themselves, again and again, in other members of the family—perhaps not all in the same individual to such a marked degree as in his case, yet with sufficient distinctness to permit us to reckon them among the family-traits. Then too the soldierly instinct, which made our common ancestor better known as “Lyme's Captain” than by his own name, manifests its presence in Judge Marvin's blood, as we find two of his sons giving their best abilities to the cause of their country in her hour of peril. Nor are these exceptional instances; there are Marvin sons in every generation who have shown the same patriotic devotion.

The daughters, too, have carried the family-traits into their alliances. The descendants of Mary the daughter of Reginold, of the daughters of the first Matthew, and of Ruth Marvin the wife of Ephraim Kirby, sufficiently establish this. With such examples we may be justified in believing that the old Puritan blood has not lost its vigor, though it has come down to us through nearly three centuries.

NOTE.—It was stated on page 85 that my father thought we should search in Essex for our immediate ancestor Reginold. While the last pages of this monograph were passing through the press, Mr. William S. Appleton informed me that a few weeks ago he found in London, in the Will of John Lucas of Ramsey, Essex, proved in 1599, mention made of “Reynold Marvin.” A letter of inquiry has been sent to Mr. H. F. Waters, whose genealogical researches have given us so much of value, but sufficient time has not elapsed to receive a reply.



## Clarke or Clark Notes

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THE name "Clarke" is really "Clerke" pronounced with the broad sound of *a*, as the English often call it still, and as they generally call Derby "Darby." The term *clericus* was applied very early in all Christian countries to ecclesiastical teachers; and a clerk was a man in holy orders. Gradually, in the ignorant ages, a secondary meaning was attached to the term in England, by which it was and still is made to comprise "in the class of persons signified by it all those employed in duties the discharge of which demands the acquirements of reading and writing, which were originally supposed to be the exclusive qualification of the clergy."<sup>1</sup>

Of course, as was the case whenever a man took his surname from his occupation, there sprang up many entirely separate families of the same name. Clerke or Clarke became therefore, and still is, a common family-name in England; and there were many persons of the name among the early emigrants to New England. Genealogists have found it very difficult, and sometimes impossible, to distinguish some of these persons from others of the same baptismal names. Therefore, though the writers are able to trace the leading events in the lives of the Connecticut Clarkes in whom they are interested, they have not tried to search for them in England.<sup>2</sup> But our recent researches have led us to believe that our previously supposed two separate branches of Clarke ancestors belonged to the same family, and that their high social and official position here shows that in education as well as in name they were "Clerks"—that they belonged to the educated classes of England. Under the spellings of

<sup>1</sup> See Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th ed., article *Clergy*.

<sup>2</sup> We hope still to trace in the mother-country the lineage of the Connecticut Clarkes.

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Clerke, Clerk, Clarke, Clark, are now included many heraldic families in England, many of whom hold distinguished positions. Those of the name in Connecticut, of whom we write, seem to have spelt their name usually Clarke, but it is sometimes spelt in the early records Clerke and Clark. In the Charter of Connecticut (1662) the name is given as Henry Clerke, Daniel Clerke and John Clerke. George Clarke, his brother John and his nephew Joseph, in signing their Wills, all spelt the name with final *e*. The names of Daniel and Henry Clarke are spelt in the same way in Rev. Mr. Huit's Will and the accompanying notes. Daniel Clarke may have spelt the name in both ways; but we have his signature with final *c*. The descendants of Hon. Daniel Clarke still spell the name with a final *e*.

As these notes follow, and are connected with, the Marvin monograph, we will speak first of GEORGE<sup>1</sup> CLARKE or Clark of Milford, whose daughter Sarah married Lieut. Reinold Marvin. He was called in the Milford Records "George Clark Junior," or "George Clark, farmer," to distinguish him from "George Clark, carpenter;" who was also called "Deacon." He appears to have come to Milford with his wife and one child, his son John. As he lived fifty-one years in this country, we may believe that on his arrival he was a young man, not long married. He was one of the Original Proprietors of that place in 1639, and, Hinman says, "one of its most respectable citizens."<sup>2</sup> Hinman also writes: "The Clarks . . . were of the best families of Milford."<sup>3</sup> Mr. Nathan G. Pond, to whom we are indebted for facts obtained from the Milford Records, says: "He was a prominent man;" and we learn from Hinman that he "was often a Deputy to the General Court of Connecticut and New Haven."<sup>4</sup>

George Clarke died in 1690; Sarah his wife survived him. Savage says he "left a good estate." August 28 of this year (1889) the town of Milford is to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its settlement. Its inhabitants have erected a handsome stone bridge, upon

<sup>1</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut, p. 605.

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 606.

<sup>3</sup> Id., p. 605.

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the coping blocks of which they have carved the names of the earliest settlers. Among them are the names of "George Clark and Sarah his wife."

Their children were :

- 2           1. *Hannah*,<sup>2</sup> born in 1640; who married John son of Richard Platt;  
3-6 and had: (1.) *John*,<sup>3</sup> (2.) *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> (3.) *Joseph*<sup>3</sup> and (4.) *Hannah*.<sup>3</sup>
- 7           2. *Ruth*,<sup>2</sup> baptized in 1642; who married: first, Thomas son of  
8 Thomas Fitch, a man of great wealth. Their children were: (1.) *Sarah*<sup>3</sup>  
9, 10 and (2.) *Thomas*.<sup>3</sup> Governor Thomas<sup>4</sup> Fitch of Connecticut was their  
11 grandson. She married, secondly, John Plumb; and had *Mary*;<sup>3</sup> who  
married Daniel Terrels. She married, thirdly, John Wheeler of Wood-  
bury, Conn.
- 12           3. *Sarah*,<sup>2</sup> baptized in 1644; who married: first, Lieut. Reinold  
Marvin, by whom she had several children (see **Marvin**); and, secondly,  
Capt. Joseph Sill of Cambridge, Mass., a former resident of Milford, after-  
wards of Lyme, the founder of the family of that name in Lyme; their  
13-15 children were: (1.) *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> (2.) *Zachariah*<sup>3</sup> and (3.) *Sarah*.<sup>3</sup>
- 16           4. *Rebecca*,<sup>2</sup> baptized in 1646; who married ——— Browne; they  
left no issue, as Sarah Sill, in Milford Land Records,<sup>6</sup> calls herself  
Rebecca's heir.
- 17           5. *Mary*,<sup>2</sup> baptized in 1651; who married, in 1673, Samuel son of  
Deacon George Clark. He was Commissioner for Milford in 1669.  
18 Their son *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> married Mary daughter of Rev. Samuel Andrew,  
19 Rector of Yale College. Rev. George Prudden, first Pastor of the  
Plymouth church, and great grandson of the first Pastor of the first church  
in Milford, descends from Samuel and Mary (Clarke) Clark.
- 20           6. *Abigail*,<sup>2</sup> baptized February 5, 1653-54; who married, probably  
about 1673, Rev. Abraham Pierson, Rector of Yale College; and died in  
Killingworth March 15, 1726-27, aged seventy-three years. She is buried  
by the side of her husband, who died March 5, 1707, at the age of sixty-

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one years. Their children were three sons and six daughters; the sons were: (1.) *Abraham*,<sup>3</sup> who died in 1752; (2.) *James*,<sup>3</sup> who died in 1750; (3.) *John*,<sup>3</sup> a graduate of Yale in 1711; of the daughters were: (4.) *Sarah*,<sup>3</sup> (5.) *Abigail*<sup>3</sup> and (6.) *Susannah*,<sup>3</sup> who married Benjamin Bishop of Stamford.

27        7. *Elizabeth*,<sup>2</sup> baptized in 1656; of whom Mr. Pond has no farther trace; she is not mentioned in her father's Will.

28        The birth of the only son of George Clarke, named *John*,<sup>2</sup> is not registered in Milford, and he was probably the eldest child, born before 1639. He was admitted to the church in 1673. His father made him sole executor of his Will; which trust he accepted in June 1691. He had no children when this instrument was made, and Mr. Pond says he did not leave any. His father's confidence in and affection for his son John is shown by his Will, in which he bequeathed to him the home lot that was "my brother Daniell Clarks," and the house that was upon it; the house he (George Clarke) lived in, and the barn; and all his lands, both upland and meadow, except a piece given to his daughter Plumb; and all his moveable estate "both within dores and without dores." He also gives a piece of copyhold land in England to his son John, if Mr. Whiting should succeed in a negotiation to obtain it from his (George's) "brother Daniell." We copy the Will here, and shall refer to it hereafter:

"George Clarke Junio<sup>r</sup>"

"Memorandum that I Georg Clark of Milford in y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Connecticut being weake of body, but of perfect memory doe make this my last will and testam<sup>t</sup> in manner and forme following. Concerning the hundred pounds which my Brother John Clark desired me to give my Children It is Included in the portions which I have given them already. But to Compleat there portions I Add more, Imprimis I give to my Eldest daughter Hannah Platt y<sup>e</sup> wife of John Platt the summe of twenty pounds to be added to what I have given her already. Item I doe give to my daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Abigaile Peirson the sum of twenty pounds, to be added to what I have

<sup>1</sup> Dexter's Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College . . . 1701—May, 1745, pp. 59-62, 103-05.



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given her already. Item I doe give to my daughter Ruth Plum the Summe of Nine pounds, besides y<sup>t</sup> peace of land w<sup>ch</sup> lyeth neare 4 mile Meadow, & two sheep which shee hath had to be added to what I have given her already Item I doe give to my daughter Sarah Cill the sum of twenty pounds to be added to what I have given her already. Item I doe give to my daughter Rebecka Browne the sum of twenty pounds to be added to what I have given her already. Item I doe give to my daughter Mary Clark ten pounds & two steeres which she hath had already to be added to what I have given her already. All to be paid by my Executo<sup>r</sup> in good Merchantable pay three yeares after my decease. Item I doe give to my Son John Clarke the home lot y<sup>t</sup> was my Brother Daniell Clarks. And the house that is upon it, Alsoe I give my son John Clark the house I live in & y<sup>e</sup> Barne, & all my lands, both Upland & meadow, Except that peace of land given to my daughter Plum. I say I doe give them all to my son John Clark to be his & his Heires for ever, Yet if the Lord shall Soe Order it in his providence that my Son John Clark shall have noe Children of his owne, then my will is that after his Death my Grand Child Samuella Clark the son of Samuella Clark shall have my home Lott & y<sup>e</sup> houses that are upon it to be his, & his Heires for ever. And my will is y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my lands be equally divided among all my daughters. Item I doe give all my moveable estate to my Son John Clark both within dores & without dores. Concerning the Legacy of One hundred & fifty pounds w<sup>ch</sup> my Brother Edward Clark gave me to Dispose of to my Children & Grand Children I understand from M<sup>r</sup>. Willm Whiteing that he have recovered y<sup>e</sup> Legacy & flifteene pounds for Inter<sup>t</sup> I doe dispose of it as followes: namely to my 14 Grand Children whose names were sent over to old England I doe give to them twenty shillings a peace namely John Platt, Sam<sup>l</sup> Platt, Joseph Platt, Hannah Platt, And Sarah fitch Thomas fitch, & Mary Terrells, John Marvin, Reynold Mervin Samuella Mervin And Mary Marvin & Sarah Marvin, Abigaile Peirson & Sarah Peirson. The Rest of y<sup>e</sup> Legacy Save what is expended at law, & other necessary Charges, I dispose of it to my Seaven Children namely to my Son John Clark to my daughter Platt, to my daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Abigaile Peirson, to my daughter Plum, to my daughter Cill, to my daughter Browne & to my daughter Clark to be equally divided amongst them. Concerning a small parcell of Coppy hould land in old England lyeing in Mush<sup>e</sup> Mundon in Hertfordshire I understand that M<sup>r</sup>. Whiteing hath not yet finished with my Brother Daniell Clark. If he gets y<sup>e</sup> land I doe give it to my

<sup>8</sup> An original error of the recorder of the Will. It should, doubtless, read "Magn." or "Magh." for Magnum. A letter to us from the Rector of Great Munden in Hertfordshire shows that no other place than that could have been intended. Our copies of this Will and that of John Clarke, below, were very carefully made, from New Haven Records, by Mr. J. Sumner Smith of the staff of Yale Library.

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Son John Clark & to his Heires for ever And alsoe what Rent he gets. I doe give it to my son John Clark Item I doe Give to o<sup>r</sup> Honoured Elders M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Andrew And M<sup>r</sup> Dan:<sup>ll</sup> Buckingham fifty shillings a peace to be payd by my Executo<sup>r</sup> in Merchantable pay one yeare after my decease. And of this my last will & testament I doe make & Constitute my Son John Clark to be my sole Executor. And doe Order him to pay the abovesaid Legacies & all Just debts. And likewise to Receive all y<sup>t</sup> is Due to me And if need be I doe give him liberty to sell Soe much land as will discharge them. In Wittness whereof I heereunto Set my hand & scale this twenty fyt of Aprill One thousand Six hundred & Ninety.

"Wittness of y<sup>e</sup> Signing

& sealing Thomas Clark

George Clark "

"George Clarke { seale }"

"A true Record of y<sup>e</sup> Originall Will of s<sup>d</sup> Geo: Clark  
being Exhibited in Court June 1691 Examined.  
Compared therew<sup>th</sup>

By me W<sup>m</sup> Jones Clar<sup>k</sup> No'y publ."

"The last will & testam<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Georg Clark late of Milford deced being Exhibited in Court June 1691 proved by y<sup>e</sup> wittnesses & Approved by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Court pow<sup>r</sup> of Execution according to law was graunted to y<sup>e</sup> Executo<sup>r</sup> therein named he have according attested thereof.

"test W<sup>m</sup> Jones Clar<sup>k</sup> Cou<sup>t</sup>"

It will be seen that George Clarke mentions in his Will three brothers—first, his brother John, who had given £100 to George's children, and whom we identify as "Mr. John Clarke" of Hartford, of Saybrook and lastly of Milford; secondly, his deceased brother Edward, in England, who had left a legacy to George's children; and, thirdly, his "Brother Daniell." The question arises Who was the "Brother Daniell," and where did he live? We will first inquire who was the "Mr. Willm Whiteing," mentioned in the Will, who was negotiating with "Daniell" on behalf of George, and where did he live?

At the time that George Clarke made his Will there were two gentlemen, each of whom would have been called "Mr. William Whiting." One of them was the son of "William Whiting Gentleman," one of the

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earliest and most respected settlers of Hartford, Magistrate, Treasurer of the Colony, etc. This son William returned to England, where he was a merchant in London. "In 1686 the Assembly of Connecticut appointed him their agent to present their petition (in reference to the charter) to the King. He exerted himself in behalf of the Colony and received the thanks of the Assembly for his services, and was requested to continue them."<sup>9</sup>

This Mr. William Whiting may have been employed by George Clarke to settle any questions that arose about the distribution of property in England; but in that case he would probably have been spoken of as "Mr. William Whiting in London." We may therefore believe that the person referred to in the Will was the nephew of this gentleman, the well known Mr. William Whiting of Hartford, son of Rev. John Whiting, and grandson of the Elder Mr. William Whiting. Born in 1659, he was thirty-one years of age at the date of the Will. In 1693 he went as Captain of a company of whites and Indians to Maine.<sup>10</sup>

In 1698 he was High Sheriff. "The Sheriff of Hartford county was then a very important official, almost next to the Governor in dignity, and the position was usually held by some prominent man."<sup>11</sup>

Thus it does not seem probable that Mr. William Whiting of London was the one referred to; nor do we find any suggestion that the brother Daniel Clarke was living in England. We therefore search for him in this country, and within the environment of Mr. William Whiting of Hartford. The only Daniel Clarke in Connecticut mentioned in the early records is the famous "Capt. Daniel Clarke" of Windsor, who went there in 1639 when he was about sixteen years of age. Though Capt. Clarke was much older than Mr. Whiting, the two men were cotemporaries in public life for many years, and must have been frequently associated in the affairs of the colonial government, and in others of a private nature.

<sup>9</sup> Goodwin's Genealogical Notes, p. 330.

<sup>10</sup> Id., p. 331.

<sup>11</sup> Mem. Hist. of Hartford County, i. 75.

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We learn from the Milford records that a Daniel Clarke owned two or three tracts of land in Milford, from 1648 to 1656, but there is no farther trace of him there. At the first date Daniel Clarke of Windsor would have been twenty-five years of age. Supposing him the same person as the landowner in Milford, he might have intended to remove to that place, and join his brother George. If so, this plan was given up. George Clarke became the possessor of a part or all of this land; as he says in his Will: "I doe give to my Son John Clarke the home lot y<sup>t</sup> was my Brother Daniell Clarks. And the house that is upon it."

It is impossible at this time, with the few facts obtainable, to *prove* that Hon. Daniel Clarke of Windsor was the Daniel who owned land in Milford, and was the brother of John Clarke and of George Clarke. We can only mention coincidences which make us believe that this relationship existed between them. One of the most marked of these is found in the names of the children of Hon. Daniel, George and John Clarke, respectively. Among the ten children of Hon. Daniel Clarke were Elizabeth, John, Mary, Sarah, Hannah. Among George Clarke's eight children were John, Hannah, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. The children of John Clarke, mentioned in his Will, were John, Elizabeth and Sarah. Hon. Daniel Clarke's son John repeated in his family the names of Hannah, John, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah. Several of Daniel Clarke's other children repeated several of these family-names, as did also some of the children of George Clarke in their families.

All these names were very common, and frequently used in the families of the early settlers. But there were many other names equally common which were not used in these Clarke families; and it is convincingly shown by much genealogical examination that different branches of the same family were in the constant habit of repeating the same baptismal names.

Among the coincidences which connect these Clarks we mention the dates of their arrival in Connecticut: John, no doubt one of the older brothers, who came to Cambridge as early as 1632, removed to Hartford in 1636; Daniel, a boy of sixteen, came to Windsor with his uncle Huit

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in 1639; George Clarke was in the list of free planters of Milford in November 1639.

As we can find no other Daniel Clarke in the Colony except the Honorable Secretary, and as there is no reason to look outside of the Colony for the Daniel Clarke (brother of John and George Clarke) who took up land in Milford, and continued to have business-transactions with George Clarke through a gentleman residing in Connecticut, we are driven to the conclusion that this brother Daniel was the Hon. Daniel Clarke of Windsor. These men were evidently of the same social position in this country.

29        "Mr. JOHN<sup>11</sup> CLARKE [George Clarke's brother] was an early settler at Cambridge, Mass. [made a Freeman there, says Savage], as early as 1632; [was] noted by Winthrop in his Journal. . . . He came from Cambridge to Hartford, Conn., about 1636, perhaps with Rev. T. Hooker's company. He was in the first division of lots at Hartford in 1639, and had twenty-two acres, and [was] one of the committee to apportion the land. He was a juror at Hartford in 1641, and was a soldier in the battle against the Pequot Indians in 1637." "He must have been in middle life when he came to Hartford, where he remained several years before he went to Saybrook."<sup>12</sup>

He was Deputy to nearly every session of the General Court at Hartford from Hartford, and afterwards from Saybrook, from 1641 to 1665. He was one of the Patentees of the Royal Charter in 1662<sup>13</sup> in company with Henry and Daniel Clarke. He was nominated Commissioner for Saybrook in 1664. He remained in Hartford several years, and it is not known when he removed to Saybrook. He continued active in public affairs and was selected by the General Court for several important duties. In 1647 he and "Capt. Mason were desired to carry on the building of the fort at Seabrook, by hiring men, carts, and other neces-

<sup>12</sup> Hinman's *Early Puritan Settlers*, pp. 609, 611.

<sup>13</sup> Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary*.

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saries." In May 1651 "the Governor, Mr. Cullick and Mr. Clark were desired by the General Court to go to Stratford, to hold a court and try Goody Bassitt for her life," for witchcraft. In 1654 he was one of those selected to go to Pequot with Gov. Winthrop to hold a Particular Court. He and Ensign Waller were appointed administrators of the estate of Joseph Clarke, his son, by his Will.<sup>14</sup> Mr. Charles J. Hoadly, State Librarian, writes: "The will of Joseph Clarke of Saybrook, dated Milford, 27 August 1658, is on Hartford probate records, and I also saw the original on file. Joseph Clarke gives [money and clothes] to his father [John] Clarke, his brother John Clarke, his brother Pratt's son Samuel, and his brother Huntington's daughter Sarah. . . . Date of Inventory, August 27, 1663." John Clarke was a large landholder in and about Saybrook; where his son John also lived near him.<sup>15</sup>

In 1664, or later, Mr. John Clarke removed to Milford, where his deceased son Joseph had lived, and where his brother George Clarke had been one of the first Proprietors. He represented that town for some years.<sup>16</sup> In 1672 he was made Ruling Elder in the church there. A note in the Church Records adds that he died February 5th in the year following. Savage says that he had a daughter Rebecca, and that his second wife was Mary widow of John Fletcher. Hinman adds to his account of him: "John Clark was one of the most influential settlers in the colony."<sup>17</sup>

"The Last Will & testam<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Clarke of Milford feeb:<sup>ly</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1672"  
[Probate Records at New Haven, Conn.]

"I John Clarke of Milford in y<sup>e</sup> county of N-haven in Newengland, being through y<sup>e</sup> good providence of God in perfect memory, though weake of body doe here make my last Will & Testament in manner & forme as followeth.  
"first I give my soule to God, & my body to a christian buriall.

<sup>14</sup> Joseph Clarke made his Will before going for a voyage to the West Indies. He desired his father Clarke to take care of his wife, and gave her his house and land if he never returned—Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, p. 601.

<sup>15</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, p. 610.

<sup>16</sup> Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

<sup>17</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, p. 610.

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" Imp<sup>s</sup> I give unto my son John Clarke of Saybrooke all my land & meadow w<sup>h</sup>in the compasse of that which is called y<sup>e</sup> thousand acres, at Saybrooke viz: the upland & meadow y<sup>t</sup> lieth by the north side of neck gate, alsoe my five acres of meadow upon y<sup>e</sup> South Cove, with my share of that, which my son & I bought of M<sup>r</sup>. fitch, with three acres of upland close by which I bought of my son Pratt; As alsoe seven acres of upland & meadow in y<sup>e</sup> calfe pasture, lieing upon y<sup>e</sup> north side of Edward Shipman:

"Alsoe I give my s<sup>d</sup> son nine acres more, y<sup>t</sup> lieth in y<sup>e</sup> planting field which formerly was my son Will: Pratts, and three acres more lying on y<sup>e</sup> west side of y<sup>e</sup> nine acres, which formerly was Will: Jacksons: I doe alsoe give my afores<sup>d</sup> son Jo: Clarke nine acres more or lesse that I bought of Thomas Burchwood, & alsoe twelve acres more y<sup>t</sup> lieth in y<sup>e</sup> planting field joining to Zach: Sanford: And I alsoe give him two hundred pound I have in y<sup>e</sup> oxen pasture: I doe alsoe give him one hundred pound comonage in pottopoge quarter, soe much within y<sup>e</sup> 1000 acres.

" Item I give unto my son Jo: Clarke afores<sup>d</sup> foure acres of meadow below the great rocke next y<sup>e</sup> creeke, & alsoe three acres more lieing on the other side y<sup>e</sup> creeke called y<sup>e</sup> Hamocke, & I give him my silver cup at Milford, & a silver spoone marked I C:

" Item: I give unto my cousin [grandson] William Pratt a piece of upland lieing upon Scottsplaine, containeing twenty foure acres, & ten acres of upland more in the last division at poddaconke: Also I give him all my meadow first and last division in eight mile meadow, part of it lieing next y<sup>e</sup> great river, & part lieing next the cove: I give unto him alsoe one horse & two steares, & one featherbed (which is now at Milford) & bolster & one payre of sheets, & coverlitt & blankett & curtains:— Item; I give unto my daughter Elisabeth Pratt my round table & diaper table cloath & napkins, & one silver spoone & my great trunke—I<sup>tm</sup>, I give unto my son John Clarke my great Kettle

" I<sup>tm</sup> I give unto my grandchild Sarah Huntington my little trunke with drawers in y<sup>e</sup> bottome—I<sup>tm</sup>: I give unto my daughter Sarah Huntington her mothers petticoate that is halfe silke.—I<sup>tm</sup>, I give unto my cousin William Pratt, my litle iron pott & my chest, & my gray searge cloake.

" I<sup>tm</sup> My Will is y<sup>t</sup> all my houshold goods, brasse, pewter, iron pots, brasse mortar, spitt, cobirons or whatever else may be found or [*first letters blotted*] newed of any thing I brought from Saybrooke, bedding or any thing else shall returne to Saybrooke to be divided amongst my children; Also my Will is y<sup>t</sup> whatever acco:<sup>t</sup> are between me & my son John Clarke, shal be even upon y<sup>e</sup> account of what I have given him.—

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"Itm : my Will is y<sup>t</sup> my wives twenty pounds, which shee is to have at my decease, she shall have liberty to take that which will sute her best in cattle, corne or hogs, or of each sort as she pleaseth : Also I give her five pound more in the same specie— Itm : my Will is y<sup>t</sup> Abigaile fletchers<sup>18</sup> portion which I am to pay which is twenty five pound (except she have received any thing already) shal be payd in cattle, hogs & horse flesh.

"Itm : I give unto o<sup>r</sup> Reverend pastor M<sup>r</sup> Roger Newton my land in Adding plaine and twenty shillings, which shall be layd out in dunging of it, within one yeare, or else y<sup>e</sup> twenty shillings to returne to my estate againe ; the land is that I bought of goodman Tompkins.

"Itm : I give unto Bro: Sam:<sup>11</sup> Coley<sup>19</sup> my great cloath coate.—Itm : I give unto Bro: Sam:<sup>11</sup> Eells for his paynes twenty shillings, to be payd within one yeare.—

"Itm : my Will is That my son Will<sup>m</sup> Pratt & my son John Clarke shal be my executo<sup>r</sup>s, & what estate is left not here disposed of, when my debts and legacies are payd, & charge in buriall, shal be equally divided between them & my daughter Huntington, except my best sute which I give unto my son John Clarke, and that this [is] my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup>, In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1673 :

"Signed, sealed & delivered  
In y<sup>e</sup> presence of us,  
Daniell Buckingham  
Sam:<sup>11</sup> Eells—"

" John Clarke    { seale } "

The name of John Clarke's first wife is supposed to have been Coley.

The children of John Clarke did not remove to Milford ; they were :

- 30            1. *John*,<sup>2</sup> born November 17, 1655 ; who married Rebecca Parker of Saybrook in 1650. He was accidentally killed in 1677.
- 31            2. *Joseph* ;<sup>2</sup> who died at sea in 1664.
- 32            3. *Elizabeth* ;<sup>2</sup> who married Mr. Wm. Pratt.
- 33            4. *Sarah* ;<sup>2</sup> who married Mr. Huntington.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. John Clarke's son John of Saybrook, who married Rebecca Parker,

<sup>18</sup> Probably his wife's daughter.

<sup>19</sup> Probably a Samuel Coley of Milford.

<sup>20</sup> From family-records furnished by Mr. Bull of Saybrook.



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34 had a son called "Major John<sup>31</sup> Clark Jr." who married Rebecca daughter of William Beamont of Saybrook. Major John Clarke Jr. was one of the legatees to whom Joshua, Sachem of the Western Niantic Indians, gave (by his Will, February 1675-76) large tracts of land in various unsettled parts of Connecticut; and "Major Clarke is said to have given, as early as February 1701-02, a 2000-acre right in his portion of these lands to the Trustees of the infant College [afterwards Yale] if it should be permanently located at Saybrook."<sup>32</sup>

35 Hon. Samuel Lynde (Y. C. 1707), eldest son of Judge Nathaniel Lynde (see **Lynde**), married Rebecca<sup>4</sup> daughter of Major John Clarke.

36 Hon. DANIEL<sup>1</sup> CLARKE having been, as we believe, a brother of "Mr. John Clarke" and of our ancestor George Clarke,<sup>2</sup> he would in this relation have a place in our history.

37 He was also an ancestor of most of the families of Wolcott descent mentioned in our monograph of that family (see **Wolcott**), and deserves a fuller notice than we have given him in that paper. By the second marriage of his daughter Elizabeth (46) was born Sarah<sup>8</sup> Drake who married Roger Wolcott, afterwards Governor of Connecticut, whose daughter Ursula<sup>4</sup> married Matthew Griswold, afterwards Governor of Connecticut.

39 We are favored by Miss Julia C.<sup>7</sup> Clarke of Northampton, Mass.,  
40 with some notes, written by her aunt Miss Ann<sup>6</sup> Clarke who died about 1861, upon their ancestor Hon. Daniel Clarke,<sup>2</sup> as follows:

<sup>31</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, pp. 610-11; Dexter's Biogr. Sketches, p. 121.

<sup>32</sup> "I cannot, from any information to the contrary in my possession, prove or disprove the theory that Hon. Daniel was a brother to George, or to John Esq., but I *accept its probability*, on the evidence noted by you"—Private Note of Henry R. Stiles, M.D.

41-42 <sup>33</sup> Miss Ann Clarke was a granddaughter of Samuel,<sup>4</sup> son of Samuel,<sup>7</sup> son of Samuel, son of Hon. Daniel.

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"Hon. and Capt. Daniel Clarke of Windsor, Conn., came to this country from the city of Chester . . . in England about the year 1636 (or 1639),<sup>24</sup> at 14 or 16 years of age, with his uncle the Rev. Ephraim Huit, and settled at Windsor, Conn.; to whom, and to six more patentees, the township was granted. He was married, June 15, 1644, to Mary daughter of Thomas Newberry,<sup>25</sup> by whom he had ten children, and who died August 29, 1688. His second wife was Widow Martha

<sup>24</sup> He came in 1639.

<sup>25</sup> We copy from Stiles's History of Ancient Windsor (p. 720), a few notes concerning the Newberry or Newberry family in this country. We do not learn that the family has been searched for in England.

"The Newberry family were from Devonshire, England, tradition says from *Mypern* in Devonshire, and that they had been involved in the civil wars between Parliament and King Charles I., in which they acted a conspicuous part under Oliver Cromwell. Mr. J. H. Trumbull of Hartford some years since found some old letters of the family pasted in the cover of an old book, in which mention was made of an 'Uncle (or Capt.) Newberry living at Morchard' (now Marchard Bishop), 15 miles from Exeter, in Devonshire, England. 'Thomas Newberry,' says the *History of Dorchester, Mass.*, 'one of the earliest settlers and largest landed proprietors of Dorchester, received from the General Court a grant of 100 acres on Neponset, March 1634, and many grants from the Dorchester proprietary. He laid out a large farm in Squantum, and built a house there. . . . He was early engaged in the Connecticut enterprise; sold his Dorchester property, and prepared to remove to Windsor; but his death, which took place in 1636, prevented. His family, however, removed. His farm passed into the possession of John Glover, and was situated in that part of Dorchester now Quincy, and known as 'The Farms.' His widow, Hannah [Will speaks of wife Jane], removed to Windsor in one of the earlier emigrations, accompanied by her two sons, Benjamin and Thomas, and two daughters, Mary, who married Daniel Clarke, June 13, 1644, and Sarah, who married Henry Wolcott [a Patentee of the Charter] in 1642. Thus well descended, possessing abundant means, and connected by marriage with some of the first families of Windsor, the Newberrys assumed a prominent and honorable position among the first settlers of the Connecticut Colony."

"Inventory of the goodes of Mr. Thomas Nuberie, made the 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan. An<sup>o</sup> 1636, Amt. 1520.04.07. including 'Land in England, 300 l.' Signed, Israel Stoughton"—[N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vii. 29].

Mr. Thomas Newberry's widow married Rev. John Warham—Mem. Hist. of Hartford County, ii. 555. Hon. Roger<sup>1</sup> Wolcott, son of Gov. Roger and Sarah (Drake) Wolcott, married, in 1728, Sarah daughter of Capt. Benjamin Newberry, grandson of Mr. Thomas Newberry.

John Strong Newberry, Professor of Geology and Paleontology in the Columbia School of Mines, is a descendant of Mr. Thomas Newberry. Mr. Thomas Newberry married Jane or Hannah —; their son Capt. Roger Newberry (who died in the Cuba Expedition) married Elizabeth daughter of Gov. Roger Wolcott; their son Gen. Roger Newberry was a lawyer of ability, prominent and influential; he was a General in the Revolutionary War and a Member for a long time of the Governor's Council; he married: first, Hannah Allyn, and, secondly, Eunice Ely, by whom he had, with other children, Henry Newberry, who married Elizabeth Strong; their son John Strong Newberry married Sarah Brownell Gaylord—Stiles's Ancient Windsor, p. 722; Dwight's History of the Strong Family, i. 100.

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Wolcott (maiden name Martha Pitkin),<sup>26</sup> who died October 13, 1719, aged eighty. Daniel Clarke died August 12, 1710, in the eighty-eighth year of his age 'or thereabouts,' as the record says (he was born probably in 1623). He was Secretary of the Colony from 1658 to 1666 inclusive; was several years a Magistrate, and one of the Court of Magistrates or Assistants; was Captain of a Cavalry troop in 1664.<sup>27</sup> He was often employed as an Attorney, and pleaded in the Courts, but probably was not educated as a lawyer."<sup>28</sup>

Daniel Clarke must have been sixteen years of age when he left England. As he came to this country so young, and in company with his uncle Rev. Mr. Huit, we may infer that his parents were dead, and that his uncle brought him up. Mr. Huit, "then in the prime of life, possessing acknowledged abilities and high attainments,"<sup>29</sup> a man of great energy and enthusiasm of character, no doubt gave his nephew the thorough education which prepared him to fill with distinction some of the highest offices in the State.

Good schools were maintained in Windsor in its early days, taught by masters of high standing. "In 1679 Capt. Clarke kept school for a year, six months on each side of the rivulet, receiving £40 for this service, combined with attending to other town business."<sup>30</sup>

In 1662 Secretary Daniel Clarke had four hundred acres of land granted to him; and another grant in 1665.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>26</sup> For notices of this brilliant woman see *Griswold* and *Wolcott*.

<sup>27</sup> He was in 1658 Lieutenant of the first body of cavalry in Connecticut, of which Richard Lord of Hartford was Captain—*Mem. Hist. of Hartford County*, i. 178. Clarke became Captain of this troop in 1664.

"Military titles were considered of a very high order. . . . Previous to 1654 the highest military office in the Colony was that of Captain. Previous to 1652 there was only one Captain in the Colony"—*Hollister's Hist. of Connecticut*, i. 425. His jurisdiction extended throughout Connecticut.

<sup>28</sup> Daniel Clarke and one other person, admitted by Andros, were the earliest regularly admitted attorneys in the Colony—*Mem. Hist. of Hartford County*, i. 119.

<sup>29</sup> *Stiles's Ancient Windsor*, p. 47.

<sup>30</sup> *Mem. Hist. of Hartford County*, ii. 516.

<sup>31</sup> *Id.*, ii. 278.

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In 1662 he was chosen a Commissioner. In 1666 Capt. Daniel Clarke was appointed on a committee by the General Court with Gov. Winthrop, Mr. Matthew Allyn, Mr. Henry Wolcott, Capt. Newberry, and others, with power to call out the militia, and commission officers in case of invasion by the approach of an enemy, before the General Assembly could convene.

In 1676 he was appointed by the General Court, with the Governor and Deputy-Governor and Assistants, Capt. Benjamin Newberry, Mr. Richard Lord and others, to manage and dispose of all such affairs as should be necessarily attended to in the interval of the sessions of the General Court. He was also appointed on several other important committees. In 1655 he was appointed by the General Court, with the Governor and Deputy-Governor, to hold a Court at Fairfield or Stratford.<sup>21</sup> "Hon. Worshippful Daniel Clarke" made his Will August 31, 1709, and a codicil in July 1710. He mentions his wife, and children Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, John, Samuel, Daniel and Josiah. His son John and his step-son Roger Wolcott were executors.<sup>22</sup>

Hon. Daniel Clarke, beside being our ancestor through his daughter Mary, is interesting to us in another relation, as he was the second husband of our ancestress Martha (Pitkin) Wolcott, widow of Simon Wolcott Esq. Her youngest child Roger Wolcott, through whom our line descends, tells the story in his own brief autobiography; he speaks of himself as "the youngest child of [his] honored father," "tender and beloved in the sight of [his] mother." He says: "I . . . was born January 4th, 1679, at a time when my father's estate was at its lowest ebb. . . . In 1680 my father settled on his own land on the east side of the river in Windsor.

<sup>21</sup> "The Particular Court, the highest strictly judicial body in the Colony, existed from 1638 until 1665. . . . It was presided over by the Governor, or his Deputy for the time being, and with him were associated two or three of the Magistrates or members of the upper section of the General Court. . . ." Secretary Daniel Clarke was one of those who occupied its bench—Mem. Hist. of Hartford County, i. 109.

<sup>22</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, p. 604.

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. . . We had neither minister, nor school. I never was a scholar in any school a day in my life. My parents took care and pains to learn their children, and were successful with the rest, but not with me, by reason of my extreme dulness to learn. . . . On Sept. 11, 1687, dyed my hon.<sup>d</sup> father in the sixty-second year of his age. . . . We were now a widow and six fatherless children, the buildings unfinished, the land uncleared, the estate much in debt, but we never wanted. In the year 1689 my mother married with Daniel Clark Esq. I went with her to live on the west side of the river. . . ." [He was then eleven years of age.] "In the year 1690 my mind turned to learning, and I soon learned to read English and to write."<sup>34</sup>

The eldest daughter of Simon and Martha Wolcott had been married in 1680; and Martha, the second daughter, had married in 1686. Of the six children left with their mother, on their father's death in 1687, Simon married in 1689, and Joanna in 1690. Of the other children, Henry was only nineteen when his mother married a second time; Christopher, aged seventeen at that time, died four years after; William was only thirteen years of age. These children, as well as Roger, may be supposed to have been more or less under their mother's care, and it seems probable that most, if not all of them, had a home under their kind stepfather's roof as long as they needed it.

Of the eight surviving children of Hon. Daniel Clarke, seven had been married before 1689; only Nathaniel was unmarried. He was slain in battle by the Indians in 1690, when he was twenty-four years of age, a year or more after his father's second marriage. He left a Will before going into the war.<sup>35</sup>

Tradition says that Roger Wolcott was educated by his mother; but we note the fact that his ambition to study was not aroused till soon after his mother's second marriage. Brilliant woman as she was, and stimulat-

<sup>34</sup> Wolcott Memorial, pp. 84-85. Mrs. Martha (Pitkin) Wolcott was about fifty at the time of her second marriage, and Capt. Clarke about sixty-six. His widow survived him for some years.

<sup>35</sup> Stiles's Ancient Windsor, p. 569.

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ing to learning as her influence must have been, she could hardly have had much time, with all her other cares, for the instruction of this son; while his stepfather, educated in England till he was sixteen years of age, trained in this country by Rev. Mr. Huit, and afterwards himself a school-teacher, would naturally take up the duty of developing the mind of his step-son. His religious faithfulness is thus referred to by Roger Wolcott: "In the year 1691, through the constant monitions of my father-in-law [step-father] and my mother, I had many convictions of my sin and danger, but after a while they wore off."<sup>36</sup>

Capt. Daniel Clarke's generous provision for the wife he married and for her children, who were all in embarrassed circumstances at the time of her marriage to him, after which they "never wanted," included opportunities for education, which this son learned to hunger for. "He got an acquaintance with men of the best abilities of his time, and by an indefatigable industry and application got acquainted with most branches of literature; for he was an exact chronologer, well acquainted with history, ecclesiastical and civil, and geography, both ancient and modern, and with the Newtonian philosophy, and most of the curious discoveries of the moderns."<sup>37</sup>

In the wide circle of his distinguished and learned step-father he was thrown constantly into "acquaintance with men of the best abilities of his time." Where, but from his step-father, could he have procured most of the books he read and studied?

Though the earlier generations of Wolcotts had been prominent, highly honorable and useful men, Gov. Roger Wolcott attained a higher distinction than any of them. While we may attribute much of this success to the inheritance of talent from his mother, and to her elevating influence, we may also perceive that, brought up in the wealthy household of Hon. Daniel Clarke, trained by him, and making the acquaintance of

<sup>36</sup> Wolcott Memorial, p. 85.

<sup>37</sup> Connecticut Courant, published soon after Gov. Wolcott's death.

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the principal men of the time, he was thus especially fitted for the high career which he afterward so admirably fulfilled. But for his mother's second marriage, Roger Wolcott, struggling for support, would have had little opportunity for education or advancement. The State of Connecticut, therefore, and a long line of honorable descendants of Wolcott name and blood, are in great part indebted to the Hon. Daniel Clarke. But for his generous and fostering care, the valuable public services of Hon. Roger Wolcott would probably have been lost. Wolcott's gratitude and affection for him are touchingly alluded to in his short biography: "In the year 1710 I was put upon the Bench of Justices. This year, the 10th of August, dyed my kind father-in-law Daniel Clark Esq.<sup>r</sup> in the 86th year of his age, with which I was much affected."<sup>8</sup>

The children of Hon. Daniel and Mary (Newberry) Clarke were :

- 44 1. *Mary*,<sup>2</sup> born April 4, 1645 ; who died young.
- 45 2. *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> born January 21, 1648 ; who married Mary daughter of Benjamin Burr of Hartford, and widow of Christopher Crow of Windsor.
- 46 3. *Elizabeth*,<sup>2</sup> born October 28, 1651 ; who married : first, November 25, 1669, Moses son of Capt. Aaron Cook of Windsor, afterwards of Northampton, Mass., who was slain by the Indians ; and, secondly, September 13, 1677, Lieut. Job Drake of Windsor (see **Notes on the Family of Drake**).
- 47 4. *Daniel*,<sup>2</sup> born April 5, 1654 ; who married, in 1678, Hannah daughter of Daniel Pratt of Hartford ; he removed to Colchester. Their
- 48 son *Moses*<sup>3</sup> married Elizabeth daughter of Samuel Huntington of Lebanon,
- 49 Conn. ; their son *John*<sup>4</sup> married Jerusha daughter of Jabez Huntington of
- 50 Windham, Conn. ; their daughter *Hannah*<sup>5</sup> married Hon. George Bliss of
- 51 Springfield, Mass. ; their son Hon. *George*<sup>6</sup> Bliss married Mary S. Dwight ;
- 52 their daughter *Sarah*<sup>7</sup> married George Walker late Consul-General of the
- 53 United States in Paris. Col. *George*<sup>7</sup> Bliss, son of Hon. George and Mary

<sup>8</sup> Wolcott Memorial, p. 85.

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S. (Dwight) Bliss, the well known lawyer in New York, married: first, Catherine Van Rensselaer Dwight; and, secondly, Anais Casey.

54        5. *John*,<sup>2</sup> born April 10, 1656; who removed to Simsbury, Conn. He married Mary daughter of Christopher Crow by his wife Mary daughter of Benjamin Burr.

55        6. *Mary*,<sup>2</sup> born September 22, 1658; who married: first, December 13, 1683, John Gaylord Jun. of Windsor; and, secondly, about 1700, Jedediah Watson of Windsor.

56        7. *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> born July 6, 1661; who married, in 1687, Mehitable daughter of Timothy Thrall of Windsor.

57        8. *Sarah*,<sup>2</sup> born August 7, 1663; who married: first, about 1685, Isaac Pinney of Windsor; and, secondly, Mr. Marsh or Nash.

58        9. *Hannah*,<sup>2</sup> born August 25, 1665; who died young.

59        10. *Nathaniel*,<sup>2</sup> born September 8, 1665; who did not marry; he was slain by the Indians in 1690.<sup>39</sup>

As Rev. Ephraim Huit was an uncle of Hon. Daniel Clarke and therefore in our family-circle, we give some notes concerning him:

"August 17th. 1639. Mr. Huit and divers others came up from the Bay to Windsor to settle.

"The arrival of the Rev. Ephraim Huit was an era in the history of the town. Hitherto the godly Mr. Warham, bereft by the death of Mr. Maverick in 1636, had been without any associate in his arduous pastoral labors, amid the harassing cares and trials of a new settlement. We can imagine, then, with what feelings of devout joy he welcomed one who was to be a teacher to his little flock, and a co-laborer in breaking 'the bread of life' to them. Mr. Huit was then in the prime of life, possessing acknowledged abilities and high attainments. He had been pastor of Wroxhall, in Warwickshire, Eng., and had been prosecuted, the year before, for nonconformity, by the Bishop of Worcester, who intended 'either to reform or punish him.' This was probably the cause of his coming to America. He was accompanied by several excellent families, members of his own church, and was

<sup>39</sup> From records furnished by Miss Julia C. Clarke; and Goodwin's Genealogical Notes.



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joined by many others in Massachusetts, while on his way to Connecticut, so that the arrival of his party formed a very considerable accession to the Windsor colony."<sup>40</sup>

"After reaching Windsor he preached the next day—as we learn from the shorthand notes of Mr. Henry Wolcott—from 1 Cor. xii., latter part of 31st verse: 'And yet show I unto you a more excellent way.' That 'more excellent way' was doubtless the one which he had found in the broad liberty of this land, beyond the reach of the Bishop of Worcester. He was ordained Teacher of the church and colleague of Mr. Warham, December 10, 1639."<sup>41</sup>

He came with his wife Isabel and children Susanna, Nathaniel, Sarah, Mercy and Lydia. Mary was born in 1640. Sarah and Nathaniel died in 1642. The other four were named in his Will. Lydia married, in 1656, Joseph Smith of Hartford. Mary married, in 1660, Thomas Strong of Northampton. Mr. Huit died in 1644.<sup>42</sup> His widow long survived him. His Will provided liberally for his wife and daughters, and mentioned Daniel Clarke's land adjoining his own home-property. His "Great Iland at the Falls," in Suffield, he gave "to the Court at Hartford, for the vse of the country." This had been given to him by the General Court in 1641. He appointed David Wilton and Daniel Clarke to be the executors of his Will, and the Deacons of the church to be its overseers.<sup>43</sup>

We learn also that Mr. Henry Clarke was one of the Deacons, and he was one of the appraisers of Mr. Huit's property, October 9, 1644. The Will mentions a good deal of land, but no inventory of that is found. The other property amounted to £633. 19. 1., a large personal estate for the period. "In plate" a list gives "2 bec. bowls, 2 wyne bouls, 1 salt, 1 trencher, salt seller, 4 silver spoons, 13 spoons given to children, having their names on them, and 1 silver dish."

In some private notes by Mr. Huit he twice mentions, obscurely, business-transactions with Henry Clarke. His confidence in his nephew

<sup>40</sup> Stiles's *Ancient Windsor*, pp. 46-47.

<sup>41</sup> *Mem. Hist. of Hartford County*, ii. 536.

<sup>42</sup> *Id.*, ii. 553; *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary*.

<sup>43</sup> *Mem. Hist. of Hartford County*, ii. 388-89; *Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1636-1665* pp. 458-61.

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Daniel Clarke is shown by the brief note "Daniell's account is left to himselfe."

"He [Mr. Huit] seems to have won a high place in the affections of his people. His epitaph, which may still be read in the old cemetery behind the church, witnesses strongly to his worth. The inscription 'Heere Lyeth Ephraim Hvit, sometimes Teacher to y<sup>e</sup> Church of Windsor, who died Sept. 4, 1644,' is followed by this quaint specimen of heroic verse :

"Who when hee lived wee drew ovr vitall breath  
Who when hee dyed his dying was ovr death  
Who was y<sup>e</sup> Stay of State, y<sup>e</sup> Churches Staff  
Alas the times forbids an Epitaph.""

60        There was a JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> CLARKE in the Dorchester party that  
settled Windsor in 1637, and he had a lot granted to him there. His wife  
died in 1639. "He was buried 14 April 1641." He made his Will in  
61        1640; and left two minor children, unnamed. His two children Joseph<sup>2</sup>  
62        and Mary<sup>2</sup> were baptized September 30, 1638. "By his Will he made the  
church of Windsor overseers, if necessary, to sell the lot above Mr.  
[Francis] Stiles's meadow; and this lot was afterwards sold by Wm.  
Gaylord Sen.<sup>r</sup> and Henry Clarke deacons of the Windsor church."<sup>45</sup>

Savage says that this Joseph Clarke was a brother of Daniel. The  
"Memorial History of Hartford County" finds "no record evidence that  
the three Clarks (Daniel, Henry and Joseph) were or were not brothers."

"Mr. John Clarke" had a son Joseph (see above, 31).

63        Mr. HENRY<sup>1</sup> CLARKE, one of the three Connecticut Clarks of  
high standing who were selected as Patentees under the Charter, is so  
associated with the others of the name, and with Mr. Huit, that he seems

<sup>44</sup> Mem. Hist. of Hartford County, ii. 536-37.

<sup>45</sup> Mem. Hist. of Hartford County; Stiles's Ancient Windsor; Savage's Genealogical Dictionary;  
and Private Letter from Dr. Stiles.

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to have belonged to the same family, and to have been either a brother or a cousin. We therefore place together the few facts we can find concerning him. He was made a freeman on the same day with Rev. Mr. Huit, April 9, 1640.<sup>46</sup> It seems probable that he came with him from England, or removed from some other part of New England to join him in Windsor.

We learn from Hinman's "Puritan Settlers," that Hon. Henry Clarke of Windsor was "an early, active and useful settler there." He was a juror at Hartford, afterwards grand juror, Deputy to the General Court as early as 1642. In January 1641 Henry Clarke, Mr. Whiting, Capt. Mason and Mr. Phen were desired by the Court to procure some pieces of ordnance from Pisquataqua, or elsewhere, and erect some fortifications where they thought advisable. August 18, 1658, Mr. Henry Clarke and the Secretary of Connecticut [Mr. Daniel Clarke], Mr. Allyn and Mr. Phelps, were appointed by the General Court to "write and indite" letters in behalf of the Court to the Elders, etc., to come to Hartford and assist in settling the difficulties between the church and the withdrawers at Hartford. He was repeatedly Assistant, Deputy and Magistrate in the Colony of Connecticut, one of the few important petitioners to the King for the Charter of Connecticut, and one of the Grantees named in the Charter of 1662; and he lived to act under the Charter as an Assistant, and otherwise to serve the public.<sup>47</sup>

His name has the distinction of being the fourth in the list of the nineteen Grantees. He was probably one of the oldest members of the Clarke family, and up to the time of the Charter the most prominent of them in the affairs of the Colony. The fact that as early as 1658 Mr. Henry Clarke and Secretary Daniel Clarke were the first named of four gentlemen who were deputed by the General Court to "write and indite" letters on important affairs suggests the idea that they took an influential part in the conception and preparation of this highly valuable document.

<sup>46</sup> Colonial Records of Connecticut, 1636-65, p. 46.

<sup>47</sup> Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers, pp. 608-09.

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Dr. Stiles, who is preparing a second edition of his "History of Ancient Windsor," writes us that "Deacon Henry Clarke of Windsor," who had a lot granted to him in Windsor in 1640, purchased in addition Capt. Mason's and Mr. Huit's lots in 1653-54 (the latter north of his own lot, and adjoining it), and resided on Mr. Huit's lot until his removal to Hadley, Mass., when he gave it to his niece Elizabeth Fox, wife of Edward Chapman of Windsor. It has been noted that Mr. Henry Clarke, as one of the Deacons of the church, was made by Rev. Mr. Huit "over-seer" of his Will, and by the Will of Joseph Clarke of Windsor was given the charge of property for his minor children.

Hon. Henry Clarke removed to Hadley, where he was a first settler, a wealthy and distinguished man.<sup>48</sup> He was one of the Commissioners for holding the Courts at Springfield and Northampton (or Associates as they were called after 1666) from 1663 to 1676. He died December 23, 1675, leaving no children. Jane his wife had died February 25, 1672.<sup>49</sup>

64 From the brief abstract of his Will sent us by Mr. H. M. Abbott, the Registrar of the Probate Court in Hadley, we learn that he left bequests to Margaret Fox and her daughter Elizabeth Chapman, to Hannah and Mary Loomis, daughters of Thomas Loomis of Windsor, to Thomas<sup>3</sup> Loomis Jun., to John and Hannah Harrington, to his "loving friend" Lieut. Filer of Windsor, Deacon Tilton, the Pastor of the church in Hadley, and to the Pastor's son Jonathan Russell, the town of Hadley, the Hopkins School, and Harvard College.<sup>50</sup>

<sup>48</sup> Mr. Sylvester Judd in his History of Hadley (p. 251, Note) says: "There were few with this title [Mister] in Hadley among the first planters." Among the five names he mentions is that of Henry Clarke.

<sup>49</sup> Judd's History of Hadley, with Family Genealogies by Lucius M. Boltwood, p. 463.

<sup>50</sup> Savage says "he gave most of his estate to relatives, but good proportion to public use."

Dr. Stiles in his History of Windsor gives the following item from Mr. Henry Clarke's Will: "My will further is, that the disposal of my housing and land at Windsor be, and be understood to be, with this proviso, that the rates and maintenance, due therefor to the ministry, be continued and paid to the 1st Church of Christ at Windsor, of which I was sometime a member—(Windsor Land Rec.)"—Stiles's Ancient Windsor, p. 571.

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No bequests are made to any persons of the name of Clarke. If he was a brother of Hon. John, Hon. Daniel, and George, this is easily accounted for by the fact that they all had abundant means; or they may have been only his cousins, but we cannot doubt that they all belonged to the same family-group.

65       The Margaret<sup>1</sup> Fox to whom he left property was his sister.<sup>51</sup> Her  
66       daughter Elizabeth,<sup>2</sup> also a legatee, had married Edward Chapman in  
England, and had removed to Windsor with her husband. Four of  
Elizabeth Chapman's children, born in Windsor, bore the names, familiar  
67-70       in the Clarke family, of Mary,<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> Hannah<sup>3</sup> and Sarah;<sup>3</sup> the eldest  
71       child was Henry.<sup>3</sup> Thomas Loomis<sup>52</sup> of Windsor, referred to in the Will,  
72       was made a freeman of Windsor in 1654. He married Hannah<sup>3</sup> Fox in  
73       1653. In naming their three children they repeated the names of Hannah<sup>3</sup>  
74       and Mary.<sup>3</sup> Their children received bequests in the Will as "daughters  
of Thomas Loomis," their mother having died in 1662.<sup>53</sup> We may believe  
that she was another daughter of Margaret Fox, and another niece of  
Hon. Henry Clarke.

The fact that "the old Widow Fox" was mentioned as a sister of Mr. Henry Clarke, who had removed from Windsor to Hadley several years before her death, rather than as a sister of Hon. Daniel Clarke, who was living in Windsor at that time, at first suggests a doubt whether Mr. Henry Clarke and Mrs. Fox were included in our family of Clarke children. But it occurs to us, on second thought, that the elder and much older members of the family, including Henry and Mrs. Fox, may have been children of a previous wife of the common father of them all, and that Daniel, a boy of sixteen when the others were middle-aged men, was a

<sup>51</sup> The Windsor Records state that "the old widow Fox, Mr. Henry Clark's sister, dyed April 13, 1673"—Stiles's *Ancient Windsor*, p. 623.

<sup>52</sup> He was a son of Joseph Loomis, who came with his wife and a large family of children, from Bristol, Eng., to Windsor about 1639, and may have accompanied Rev. Mr. Huit. See Stiles's *Ancient Windsor*, p. 678; and Savage's *Gen. Dict.*

<sup>53</sup> Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary*.

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son of a later wife. In that case it would be natural that Mr. Henry Clarke should give most of his property to Mrs. Fox and her children. This view of the nearness of the tie between them may explain why she was mentioned only as *his* sister; and we, therefore, accept the probability that Mr. Henry Clarke was one of the *brothers* of this family.

Hinman says "No person, it appears, was allowed to sign the petition to Charles II. for the Charter but the well-known and most useful men in the Colony; and of the nineteen signers to that instrument Henry Clarke, Daniell Clarke and John Clarke were Grantees named in the Charter, in behalf of the people of Connecticut—which effectually proves the high standing of the name in the Colony, in its early settlement."<sup>54</sup>

We quote also from Hon. Roger Wolcott's poem on Gov. Winthrop, and his agency in securing the Charter. Speaking in the name of King Charles II., he says:

"Be it so then, and WE OURSELF decree,  
CONNECTICUT shall be a COLONY;  
Enfranchised with such ample liberties  
As thou, their friend, shalt best for them devise:  
Chief in the patent, WINTHROP, thou shalt stand,  
And valiant Mason place at thy next hand.  
And for chief senators and patentees,  
Take men of wealth and known abilities;  
Men of estates, and men of influence,  
Friends to their country and to US their prince.

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<sup>54</sup> Hinman's *Early Puritan Settlers*, p. 609. Persons in their respective lines of this book may claim direct descent from Daniel Clarke and John Ogden, from a brother of Richard Lord, a brother of Henry Wolcott, and a brother of Henry, Daniel and John Clarke—all those here named having been Patentees of the Charter of Connecticut.

<sup>55</sup> "Gov. Wolcott wrote a poem, covering twenty-nine pages in the fourth volume, first series, of the

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We have seen that Henry, Daniel, John and George Clarke were all useful and valuable men in the public service; and that three of them held especially commanding positions. All of them combined must have had great power and influence for the advancement of the Colony.

We place their names, as above, in the order of prominence in which they appear in the public records.

In point of age, they may be ranked as follows: Henry, John, George and Daniel. Joseph Clarke, if he was another brother, as is probable, died so soon, and so little is known about him, that we can venture no conjecture as to his place in the family.

With respect to the birth-place of our Clarks in England, we have only the tradition, brought down in the line of Hon. Daniel Clarke, that he came from "Chester." Henry Taylor Esq., F.S.A., of the Chester Archæological and Historic Society writes us that he does not find mention of our family of Clarks in Chester. It is probable that their home was not in the city but in the county of Chester, or Cheshire. Neither does the fact that the Clarks held a lease of "copyhold land" in Great Munden give sufficient evidence that this place was the family-home. A family of so much dignity and wealth as this was may be presumed to have lived on their own estates in England.

Rev. Mr. Huit had been settled in Wroxhall, Warwickshire, but this gives us no clue to his birth-place; and, the early records of Wroxhall

Massachusetts Historical Collections. . . . His subject was Governor John Winthrop of Connecticut, and his agency in securing a Charter for the Colony from Charles II.

"The reader may fancy that this is a very unpoetic theme. But, if he thinks so, he does not know what this Charter meant to a Connecticut man of a hundred and fifty years ago. No other colony in America had a charter like that of Connecticut. Hear what Bancroft says of it, and of the condition of Connecticut under it, in the thirteenth chapter of the first volume of his history:

" ' Could Charles II. have looked back upon earth, and seen what security his gift of a charter had conferred, he might have gloried in an act which redeemed his life from the charge of having been unproductive of public felicity. The contentment of Connecticut was full to the brim. In a proclamation, under the great seal of the Colony, it told the world that its days under the charter were 'halcyon days of peace ' '—Men. Hist. of Hartford County, ii. 134.

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having been destroyed, no information about Mr. Huit can be obtained there.

The family of Hewitt was an ancient one, established in several counties. We learn from Burke's "Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies" that it received a baronetcy in 1621.

The name with the spellings of Hewet, Hewett, Hewit and Hewitt, is to be found in Burke's "General Armory."





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